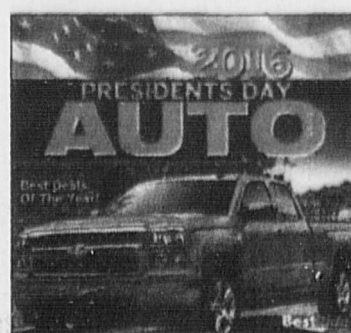




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Targeting teen substance abuse

By Amanda C. Thompson
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After seven weeks in California, Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition President Christine Murphy returned to find that the substance-related issues in

Cohasset had gotten worse, not better, while she was away.

Murphy tallied up the recent incidents. A fight on the stairs of St. Stephen's Church, related to the sale of marijuana and PCP. A police officer forced

to restrain a young woman going through heroin withdrawal. And tragically, a fatality thought to be caused by a drug overdose.

"We have a serious problem burgeoning," said Murphy. The solution? "We've gotta get to the kids

while they're young."

Murphy shared gripping statistics from a Communities That Care survey conducted last spring. She explained that the main factors that keep kids from

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But something happens between ninth and 10th grade. Suddenly the number of students using alcohol or marijuana skyrockets.

LOCAL GEM



The South Shore Community Center is planning for more creative programming now that the Senior Center has moved to Willcutt Commons. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

New chapter for community

Center ready to open more doors

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Like the thousands of kids who have walked through its doors since 1949, the South Shore Community Center has grown a lot over the years.

From a bowling alley and a small meeting room, to a nursery school, to a full gym, to a senior center and apartment units, the community

center has been a little bit of everything. Now, with Elder Affairs moved into Willcutt Commons, the community center has room to be even more.

"We want the space to be available for music classes, movement classes, toddler programs... we really want it to be multi-purpose," said Director Paula Murphy. "The South Shore Art Center wants to mount local artists' work. I like

the idea of partnering with local businesses and showcasing emerging talent."

Murphy has been with the center for 12 years and sees herself as the "transitional" director, there to help the community center move forward and grow.

"There's so much more for people to do compared to when I started here," said Murphy, "and our goal is to stay relevant."

Even while it was the senior center, the front room was often rented for bridal showers, birthday

parties, Christmas parties, and even small weddings. The center plans to continue offering the room on a rental basis for small community functions like this.

Beyond that? They're open to ideas.

"We want the community center to be what its name says it is, and to have the people of the community come in," said Ann Madden, director of the nursery school. To that

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UPDATE

Contract done deal

Balancing budget remains in question

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The Town of Cohasset is committed to honoring the new contract that has just been settled between the School Committee and the Cohasset Teachers Association. The question isn't "if" the contract will be honored; the question is "how."

The settlement came on the heels of five months of impasse, hours of third-party mediation, and a spell of work-to-rule activity from teachers who refused to participate in activities not explicitly outlined in their contracts (while the new contract was under negotiation, the terms of the old one held sway).

The negotiating parties jointly released a statement on Feb. 9th, which read: "The Cohasset Teachers' Association and the Cohasset School Committee are pleased to announce that we have reached agreement and the new contract has been signed by all parties. We would like to thank the community for their continued support and we look forward to continuing our commitment to the students of Cohasset."

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LOCAL AUTHOR

Whistleblower explains why big banks fail

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Charlie Douglas is a voice crying out in the desert of big banking - and, generally, big business of all kinds. But as one small man in one big company, he couldn't save any souls. Now he's trying a different tack with his book "The Outstanding Truth: The Failure of the Bank of New England Corp."

The book tells the story of

a bank, but it's not just for bankers. If Douglas had his way, it would be required reading for every business major.

"Banking is a business," Douglas said, "and things that apply to sound banking practice apply to all other kinds of business. The management principles in the book use banking as an example, but apply to business of any kind."

In his years with Bank of New England, Douglas

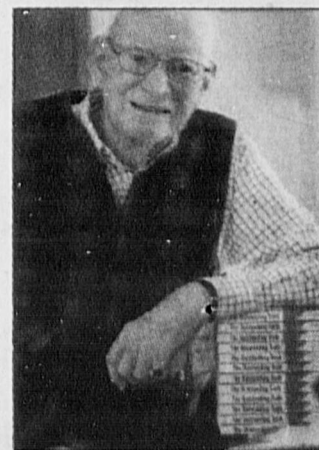
prophesied that the weakening of credit standards would be the bank's undoing. And he wasn't quiet about it. He blew the whistle on it... and everybody blocked their ears.

The bank wanted to grow, which meant it had to expand its loan portfolio. To do that, it could offer lower loan rates, become less particular about what kinds of loans it would offer, or lower the bar of acceptability, approving even those

loans which did not meet the right criteria.

Time wore on and the bank went on approving loans for applicants who didn't have the proven reserves to pay it back. When the applicants' ventures went bust, the bank lost money on the loan. Instead of facing consequences, those who authored bad loans faced promotion into management roles, and

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Banker turned author, Charlie Douglas of Cohasset, at home in his study with his book 'The Outstanding Truth'. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

PICTURE THIS

Strix varia, the Barred Owl

Name: Strix varia, the Barred Owl
Occupation: One of 15 teaching owls that go out on Eyes On Owls' live owl programs with Marcia and Mark Wilson (www.eyesonowls.com)
Best day of your life: When Marcia chose me over any of the other Barred Owls in an outdoor aviary at Wings wildlife rehabilitation (www.wingswildlife.org).

I was the only Barred Owl there that couldn't fly up to the rafters and join the others. I got pooped on A LOT!!
Best vacation: I get 3 months off every summer! The best vacation was a few years ago when it wasn't too hot and it rained almost every week. I LOVE to take long showers in the rain!
Favorite season: Fall, when

I can scan the skies for migrating hawks, eagles and falcons right from my perch in my aviary. And you thought I slept all day ...
Favorite holiday: Valentine's Day of course! We owls are nature's valentines because this is when we start our courtship season with lots of hooting!
Favorite snack: Plump little mousies.

don't care about the places we owls live, like woods and wetlands and fields. They just don't give a hoot!
Most embarrassing moment: Once I pooped on a girl's sparkly sneaker at an owl program! But she didn't mind. She said she'd never ever wash that sneaker.
Fun fact: Sometimes I play with my pellets and tear them apart just for fun.

Goal: To become the longest living Barred Owl in captivity. I'll be celebrating my 18th hatchday in May, you know. I can't wait to pounce on my hatchday cake decorated with lots of mice ... mmmmmmm!
Person you'd most like to meet: Hagrid, the keeper of magical creatures in the Harry Potter books. I'd ask him for a tour of the Owlery high up in the Hogwarts castle.

Biggest worry: Pooping on somebody's head at an owl program. That would be dreadful!
Best part of Cohasset: The West End because it has lots of swamps and forests and big old trees with hollow cavities big enough for me.



This Barred Owl visited the Paul Pratt Memorial Library recently where the Mariner caught up with its thoughts for Picture This! For more about Eyes on Owls, see page B5. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY LISA AIMOLA

It's right next to Wompatuck State Park where I can hoot it up with my other Barred

Owl neighbors. Sometimes it's a real hootenanny!!

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Legal Briefs
 by Kevin Phillips
 Attorney at Law
ONE WORD, TWO MEANINGS
 "Subpoena" is a word that is fraught with meaning. When used as a noun, those on the receiving end of this document must appear as a witness to give testimony either in court, in a grand jury, or in a deposition. A subpoena may also order that a person hand over relevant documents to the other side during a lawsuit. Failure to comply with any of these orders brings the risk of being held in contempt of court, being fined, and even the possibility of being sent to jail. When "subpoena" is used as a verb, those summoned to appear before a prosecutor, a grand jury, or a plaintiff's lawyer should consult with an attorney.
 HINT: The Latin roots of the word "subpoena" include "sub," which means "under," and "poena," which means "penalty."
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Valentine's Tea is Wednesday, Feb. 17

Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

- Adult Coloring: 8 a.m. to noon, daily. This creative activity helps people de-stress from everyday pressures. By donation, the center has a supply of books with intricate patterns. Bring colored pens, pencils or crayons or use the one's provided. The center will also provide coffee.
- Anna's Juice Bar: 11 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4-25. Stop by the dining room after the strength and conditioning class. Cost: \$1, includes a healthy energy boost after a workout. All invited to partake in Anna's delicious beverage and casual conversation.
- Intergenerational Lunch: Noon, Feb. 11. Enjoy the Deer Hill fourth grade students as they impress residents with their social skills and entertain with their talents. Cost: \$3, lunch donation.
- Valentine's Day Tea: Noon, Feb. 17. Delicious finger sandwiches and refreshments. Entertainment provided by the talented Andrew Smith, who will

- blend old and new in his original music and cover versions of popular songs. Reservations required no later than Friday, Feb. 12. Cost: \$6.
- Preventing Falls: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 18. Norfolk County Triad Officer Cheryl Bamberg will offer an informative presentation to help seniors become more aware of fall risks and how to prevent them. No charge for presentation.
- Seniors on the Ball: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23. Rita LaRosa Loud, from Quincy College health science department will demonstrate exercises to increase bone strength and to discuss healthy aging. Free program. Reservations are requested.
- Movie Day: Noon, Feb. 29. Bring a lunch. The center will provide the drinks and popcorn. February's movie: "Annie's Point," starring Betty White.

Lunch schedule and menu, week of Feb. 9

Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Meals provided by local restaurants and

Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3. Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Lunch prepared by Chef Whit: Chicken Casserole
 Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Valentine's Day Tea
 Thursday, Feb. 18 - Lunch prepared by Launch: Ham Casserole

Ongoing programs

- Line dancing, Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Beginner to beginner plus. Helps posture and balance, improves memory skills and confidence. Drop-ins welcome. At 91 Sohier Street. Cost: \$5. Note: no line dancing classes in February.
- Veterans services hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.
- Gentle Yoga, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Cost: \$5.
- Gentle Chair Yoga: 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. This class focuses on increasing mobility.
- Bridge, Bring your own foursome. Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.
- Yoga/Meditation, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic, fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety

- of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class. Cost: \$5.
- Senior Stretch and Conditioning Class: Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. Cost per class is \$5.
- Book Club, Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.
- Knitting: Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.
- Transportation: Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested).
- Medical appointments within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset.
- Around Town Route 3A, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.
- Shaws, Tuesdays: 1 p.m.
- Cohasset Train Station, Wednesdays: 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.
- Around Town (downtown Cohasset), Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.
- Stop and Shop, Fridays: 9:30 a.m.
- Walmart/Hanover Mall, NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
- Trader Joes/Marshalls, second Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.
- Derby Street Shops, third Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.
- Christmas Tree Shops, fourth Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

South Shore Tide Chart									
COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)									
FEB. 2016		HIGH				LOW			
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.
Thursday	11	12:52	10.1	1:11	10.6	6:54	-1.2	7:21	-1.5
Friday	12	1:40	10.2	2:02	10.2	7:45	-1.2	8:11	-1.3
Saturday	13	2:30	10.2	2:56	9.8	8:39	-1.0	9:02	-0.8
Sunday	14	3:24	10.0	3:54	9.2	9:35	-0.7	9:58	-0.3
Monday	15	4:21	9.8	4:56	8.8	10:36	-0.3	10:57	0.1
Tuesday	16	5:23	9.5	6:02	8.4	11:40	-0.1	11:59	0.4
Wednesday	17	6:27	9.4	7:10	8.3			12:45	0.0
Thursday	18	7:31	9.3	8:14	8.3	1:02	0.6	1:50	-0.0

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

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WICKED WEATHER



Winter snow is mounting in the village following the Friday and Sunday night storms. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Two snowstorms in three days

By Amanda C. Thompson
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A snowstorm might mean a day off for commuters and students, but for public service employees, it means more work for more people over more hours.

At least, that's certainly what it meant on Friday, Feb. 5th, when a storm that was projected to leave less than half a foot of snow instead dumped nearly a foot of heavy, wet snow on the area. Police Chief Bill Quigley reported that there were several driving-related incidents on Friday night.

But perhaps the greatest challenge of the first storm was the loss of power to over 80 homes in town. Most of these were in the Beechwood neighborhood, where transmission lines coming in from Norwell were damaged by falling branches in the woods. Areas of Norwell and Scituate were impacted by the same incident.

The downed wires were difficult to access due to their location. On top of that, National Grid had anticipated a smaller storm and was unable to respond right away due to staffing limitations. Some homes were without power for more than 24 hours, but most saw services restored by Saturday afternoon.

A fallen tree also knocked out power to some homes on North Main Street.

The Fire Department responded by opening a warming center at Willcutt Commons from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The building has plenty of space, a full kitchen, and its own parking lot, making it a preferable option to the Deer Hill School, which has been used as a warming center in the past.

Fire Chief Bob Silvia imagines, however, that a

storm with a more drastic, town-wide impact would still require use of the school to accommodate everyone. This time, it was a small number of residents who were affected, and the weather Saturday was comparatively mild, so the center did not see much traffic.

Didn't hear about the warming center? Silvia encourages residents to sign up for Code Red alerts so that, in case of another incident, you can receive information by landline, cell phone, or text message. To sign up, visit CohassetMA.org and locate the "Emergency Contact Center: Code Red" badge in the left sidebar.

Town Engineer Brian Joyce reported that cleaning up from Friday's storm cost the town \$9,800, bringing the fiscal year 2016 snow removal total to about \$38,000 in labor costs. The town also purchased sand, salt, and road treatment materials earlier this year in the amount of \$21,000.

Though the storm on Monday, Feb. 8th was a longer and windier event, both Police and Fire reported that it had been a very quiet day. After the fact, they even felt that they had staffed more heavily than necessary.

"The hype before the storm caused people to get things done before the snow and wind started," Quigley surmised. Staying off the road not only saved people from getting into accidents; it also made cleanup safer and easier for the DPW.

On top of that, Cohasset didn't see any power outages during Monday's storm. "Friday thinned a lot of weak branches," said Quigley. "If things were ready to come down, they came down on Friday."

National Grid, like the fire department, staffed heavily – especially in light of the shortcomings they'd met responding to Friday's storm. But only about 80 homes in the entire service area lost power on Monday, compared to 80 in Cohasset alone on Friday.

What the town did see was coastal flooding. Due to the intersection of high tide and a strong wind coming out of the northeast, Margin Street, Border Street, the causeway on Jerusalem and the bottom of Forest Avenue took on significant water.

But those, according to both chiefs, are "the usual areas." Residents of those areas know where the flooding happens, and they know the workarounds. Quigley said the Police Department did its best to keep people from driving out to investigate by posting pictures online of affected areas.

The light, fluffy, wind-driven snow proved easy to clear, and systems were back to normal by Monday evening.

The cost of snow removal following Monday's storm was not available at press time, since cleanup efforts were still ongoing.

The snow removal budget totals \$125,000, which covers snow removal employees, repairs to plows and sanders, wages paid to hired contractors, gas and diesel for snow removal vehicles, sand, and salt.

Despite overspending the budget to take care of last winter's storms, the budget total did not increase after fiscal year 2015. Joyce has his fingers crossed that this February will be milder... and we're sure he's not the only one.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

POLICE BEAT

Help arrives in time for overdose patient

By Mary Ford
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Overdose

At 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday (Feb. 9), police and fire personnel responded to a confirmed heroin overdose involving a 29-year-old Cohasset man in North Cohasset. The patient was transported by Cohasset ambulance to the hospital and is expected to recover.

Abandoned car

A complaint about a 2015 Subaru Outback being parked at the Buttonwood end of Shaw's Plaza for several weeks last week turned out to be about the vehicle belonging to a 58-year-old Weymouth man who works at Shaw's supermarket. The employee had been parking there while at work.

Health emergency

A woman notified police on Monday afternoon (Feb. 1) that she was locked out of her car at the Bank of America parking lot. Inside her car were medications and supplies to treat her diabetes. The tow company arrived and gained access to her car. Police do not have the tools to open locked vehicles.

Squirrel

Unlike the Geico insurance commercial, this squirrel was not in the attic but in a closet of a Cedar Street home rummaging around the clothing. The homeowner notified police about the errant critter last week and was advised to contact an exterminator.

Wallet missing

A Scituate woman reported to police on Tuesday morning (Feb. 2) that she had left her wallet in her shopping cart at Shaw's and when she returned to the cart, it was missing. Inside was \$550 in cash and multiple credit and debit cards. She reported the incident to the manager who planned to have store security review videotapes. The incident is

under investigation.

Flat tire

A car reported as abandoned in the parking lot at Willcutt Commons off Sohler Street on Wednesday (Feb. 3) turned out to be a 2012 Honda Civic, owned by a 44-year-old Scituate man, who had parked there to get off the road after getting a flat tire.

No trespass

The owner of Fiori's Gulf station on Chief Justice Cushing Highway was into the station last Wednesday (Feb. 3) to obtain a no-trespass order against a homeless man who has connections in Scituate and is known to police. The man has been a nuisance, is often intoxicated and is bothering customers. Scituate police served the man with the no-trespass order, police said.

Branch fell

A tree limb fell onto the windshield of a 2013 Mercedes headed south on North Main Street around 6 p.m. on Wednesday (Feb. 3) near the rear entrance to the train station shattering the glass. The 52-year-old Cohasset woman who was driving and her 13-year-old daughter were shaken up but otherwise were not injured. The car was drivable. The weather was rainy and windy.

Flu

A 50-year-old Cohasset man in a 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck who had been seen throwing up in the parking lot at the train station told the officer who located him after he had pulled into Hingham Lumber that he was vomiting due to a bout with the flu.

MVC

A 2004 Mercedes sedan, operated by a 48-year-old Norwell man, swerved off the road into a mailbox on Church Street during last Friday's snowstorm around 3:40 p.m. to avoid being hit by a plow that was taking a wide turn into the church driveway. Police said he swerved to avoid the plow and the accident

was weather related. The car was not towed and he was not cited.

MVC

At 4:13 p.m. on Friday (Feb. 5), a 2006 Toyota Tundra pickup truck, operated by a 47-year-old Pembroke man was headed south on Reservoir Road, when it fishtailed on the ice and slid into a parked, 2000 Ford Econoline plumbing company van out of Quincy. The van had to be towed due to heavy damage. There were no reported injuries and the pickup truck was drivable.

MVC

At 4:43 p.m. on Friday (Feb. 5), a 2008 Land Rover, operated by a 65-year-old New Jersey man, was headed west on Reservoir Road and lost traction when trying to turn right onto Pleasant Street. The Land Rover slid off the road into a tree at the intersection of Reservoir, Pleasant and Old Pasture Road. There were no injuries; there was moderate damage to the Land Rover and minor damage to the tree. The Land Rover was able to get "unstuck" and did not have to be towed.

Larceny

A 24-year-old Scituate woman reported to police on Saturday (Feb. 6) that someone entered her unlocked 2004 Chevrolet pickup truck while it was parked at Shaw's and took her Coach handbag valued at a \$300, Ray Ban sunglasses worth \$238 and miscellaneous clothing valued at \$110 among other personal items. The victim told police she had gone into Shaw's to cash her paycheck and was only away from her vehicle for 10 minutes.

Noise complaint

It may have been exuberant football fans who were so loud during the Super Bowl on Sunday (Feb. 7) that a neighbor at Avalon complained. A similar complaint was called in two weeks ago. The caller was told to notify the management at the complex.

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WINTER FUN

SNOW DAY

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Noah Simone, 10, delights in having the hill by the middle school all to himself and his younger brother Anthony on Tuesday afternoon.



Brothers Noah, 10, and Anthony Simone, 6, enjoy sledding and snowboarding Monday afternoon with the hill outside the Middle School all to themselves.



Miriam Yepez, 6, ready for some sledding along with her fellow RISE students.



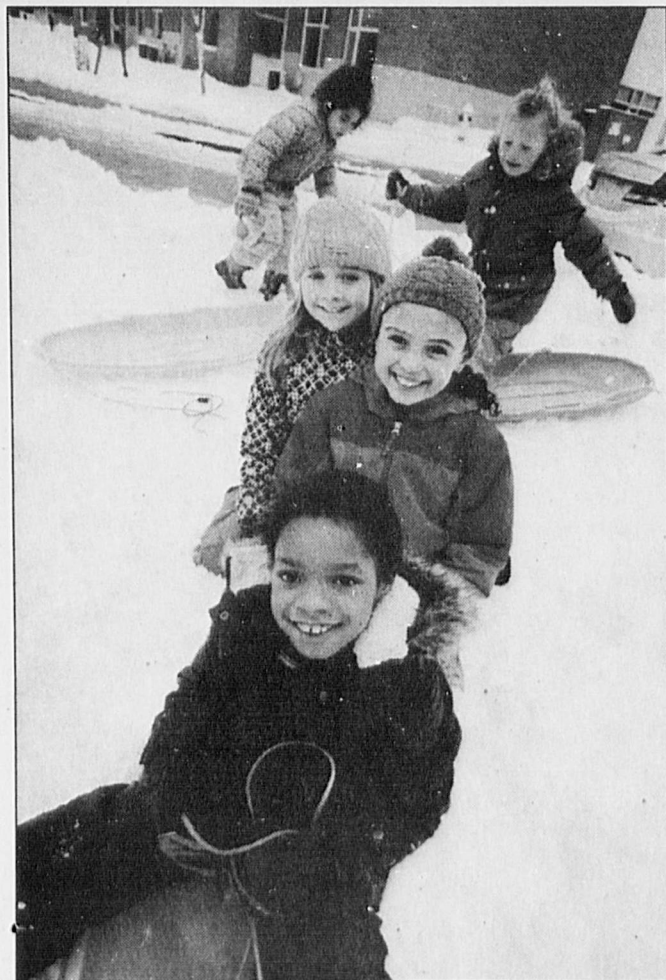
RISE students enjoy sledding outside the Osgood school Tuesday afternoon.



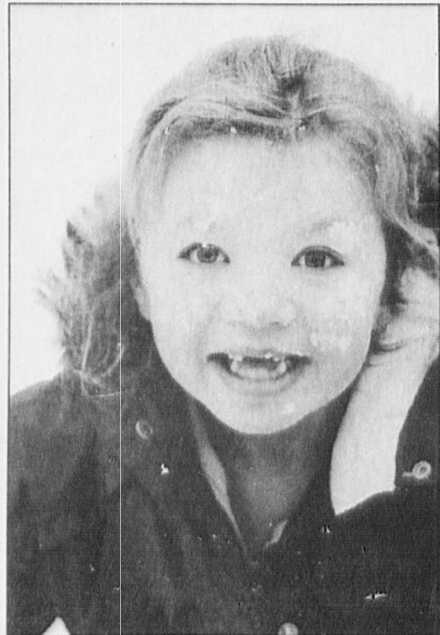
Maddie Schultz, 7, all booted up and ready for sledding with her RISE companions outside the Osgood School Tuesday afternoon.



Mans Trulsson, 7, ready to sled along with his RISE companions outside the Osgood School Tuesday afternoon.



Above: Front - Back, Three on a sled, Brianna Love Lucas, 9, Addy Andrews, 8, and Amanda McMahon, 9, ready to sled with their RISE companions outside the Osgood school Tuesday afternoon.



Right: Allie Schultz, 7, is not alarmed in the least with a face full of snowflakes while joining her fellow RISE students for sledding.



Above: Madeline Dubeau, 7, delights in making a snow angel while sledding with her RISE companions Tuesday afternoon outside the Osgood School.



Left: RISE students enjoy sledding outside the Osgood school Tuesday afternoon with their beloved teacher Grace Griffiths.

UPDATE

West Corner parcel needs new vision

Neighbors proposing pocket park

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The Planning Board voted once and for all to say "no" to a new development at 808 Jerusalem Road, the former site of Reflections Antique Shop.

The board had a quorum of three members present, plus two associate members, who are not allowed to vote. Because some members were absent, it would have required all three members in attendance to vote in favor for the project to pass. Chairman Clark Brewer offered the single "nay" vote.

Brewer said that the applicant hadn't sorted out zoning issues previously raised by the board. "We've been reviewing this for over six months," said Brewer. "I was not convinced that what was before us was a

realistic application."

To meet zoning standards, a structure has to be six or more feet away from the public right-of-way. The multi-purpose, commercial-residential building proposed for this spot was within half a foot in some places.

Additionally, there were inconsistencies between the architectural and engineering drawings provided. One showed six stairs going up to the building; the other showed nine. In fact, to meet the standard rise-to-run ratio of seven to six, the building would have needed 12 stairs, pushing it even further into the right-of-way.

The Friends of West Corner couldn't be happier about the denial. The Friends – abutters and neighbors of the property – want to see it transformed

They're willing to do the legwork themselves, including raising the money to buy the land and enlisting the Community Preservation Committee to help transform it.

into a park, instead. They're willing to do the legwork themselves, including raising the money to buy the land and enlisting the Community Preservation Committee to help transform it.

"It would be a nice gateway into Jerusalem Road," said abutter Matthew Montefusco.

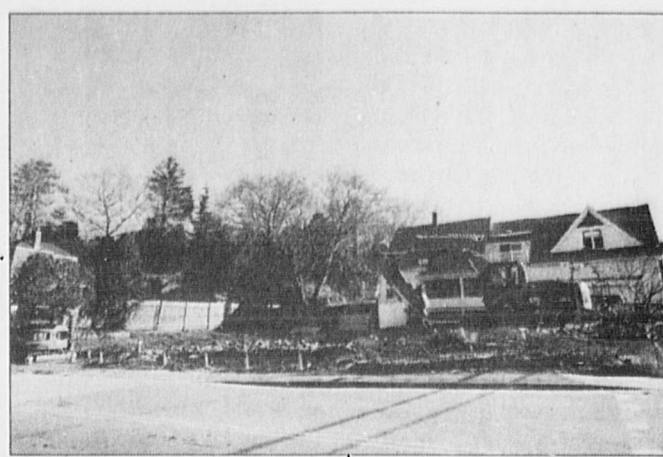
He feels that the park would improve safety for bikers and dog walkers by providing a space to safely pull over. Presently, he sees bike riders stopped on the side of narrow, winding Jerusalem to take a drink of water. The park would also have drinking fountains – for both people and pets.

The Friends' vision

includes three stone tablets: one telling the story of the Phoenix building, destroyed by a fire in 2014, one about West Corner, and one to honor the veterans of West Corner (this would replace a wooden war memorial that used to exist nearby).

Montefusco believes that the project is a perfect candidate for Community Preservation Act funds. It contributes to green space, historical space, and recreational space. He plans to bring it before the board at their next meeting on Feb. 22nd.

Brewer said he'd heard rumors about the park but had not yet seen anything concrete or realistic about it. At this time, there are no



This photo from April 2014 shows the West Corner parcel in question following the fire that destroyed the antique store. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY ROBIN CHAN

other proposals pending for that space.

"We would look at anything that came before us," said Brewer. "But this is a grandfathered commercial property and an awfully tight site. It's very different from most of what we tend to look at."

In the wake of the awkward three-person vote that shut down the development

project, the board is now drafting an article for Annual Town Meeting that would allow associate members to vote in place of absent members if a scenario like this were to arise again. Currently, associates are only allowed to vote on special permits.

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COHASSET REC

Home alone and babysitting courses offered

Home Alone Staying Safe & Babysitting Course: On Friday, Feb. 19th Cohasset Recreation is offering two great courses which will teach your kids valuable life skills to care for themselves and for others. Both classes are taught by South Shore Safety which specializes in health education and safety programs for kids.

■ Home Alone Staying Safe, Grades 4th-6th, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cost: \$49.

Prepares 4th through 6th Graders for staying home alone or when on their own, through the use of lecture, discussion, role playing and other activities. Rate level of preparedness when staying home alone: before and after course identify and discuss safety rules to and from school/street smarts.

Discuss behaviors of "bad guys" and list some of the tricks they use. Practice answering the phone when

home alone. Share family safety rules and listen to the rules of other students. Demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver on self and another. First aid problems, cuts/bruises, burns, sprains, fires, etc. Identify a "Safe House" where student can go in an emergency.

■ Babysitting, ages 12 - 16, from 1 to 4 p.m., Cost: \$49.

Whenever parents entrust their most treasured gifts to a babysitter, remember that they will

feel more secure and will be more likely to hire someone who has taken Babysitter Safety Training. Kids who are trained in Babysitter Safety will have more confidence in dealing with the challenges that may face them while caring for children of all ages and stages, from accidents to tantrums.

Both classes are taught at Cohasset Recreation's new office at 100 Sohier St. Register at cohassetrec.com or in person at 100 Sohier St.

CONTRACT

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Last week, the Mariner reported that officials in town were concerned about how to actually pay for the contract. Some residents were alarmed by statements that the contract is unsustainable in the long-term, and beyond the Town's financial means even in the short term. They brought their concerns before the Board of Selectmen during the public comment period of the board's Feb. 9th meeting.

"I was surprised to see inconsistency in getting behind the contract," said Sarah McSweeney, co-president of the Osgood School PSO. "It's an agreement; it's binding; we have to honor it."

Steve Gaumer, chairman of the board, emphasized that his comments regarding the Town's concerns had been purely based on mathematics and did not indicate that the Town would refuse to support the contract. But in order to give more to the schools, the Town will have to give less to something else.

"When you raise salaries 5.5 percent, and only raise taxes 2.5 percent, it doesn't add up," said Gaumer.

He reminded the public

that the Town had followed through on commitments to retired teachers, continuing to pay them even when the union would not sign an agreement, because the Town had given its word to do so.

Gaumer added that the School Committee and Board of Selectmen had come a long way in improving diplomatic relations in recent years, and that, with regards to the contract, "We have been on the same page with the School Committee."

The Teachers Association, too, responded to officials' comments; see the full letter on the Op-Ed page.

"Teachers, as a profession, are undervalued," the letter says. "Other professions which require a Master's degree pay far more than teachers' salaries." Meanwhile, "benefits, such as retiree health insurance, which used to offset the lower salaries, have been dramatically reduced in recent years."

The Association compares Cohasset's per-pupil expenditures to those in neighboring towns and concludes that the town is on par with its neighbors, justifying the teachers' salary requests.

Like most districts, Cohasset compensates teachers based on a system of steps and columns. For every year

that a teacher stays in the district, he or she moves up a step for a maximum of 15 steps. Each step translates to an annual 3.5 percent raise. Under the new contract, this is being honored.

Teachers move through the columns by furthering their education and professional development. The district even offers funding to help teachers do this. Like steps, columns also come with a percentage raise for every level gained. And like steps, columns will be honored under the new contract.

In addition, teachers are given a 2 percent "cost of living" increase each year. So even if a teacher does not advance to a new column, he or she is looking at a five-and-a-half percent increase in pay.

This is where Gaumer got his mathematical equation. Under Proposition 2-½, the town can't increase taxes by more than two-and-a-half percent in any given year unless Town Meeting votes in favor of an override. So, inevitably, the budget is going to fall short.

The School Department's draft budget assumes a 6.73 percent increase from the fiscal year 2016 budget, or an amount of \$1,178,069. Additionally, it is not a

"level-funded" budget; it includes increases in fixed costs, as well as new positions.

The school budget technically comprises 61 percent of the total Town budget. But as far as teacher compensation goes, the school budget only covers salary.

The Town, not the schools, picks up insurance premiums for teachers and, if applicable, their spouses and children. The Town, not the schools, sets aside funds toward pension obligations. And the Town, not the schools, must meet healthcare obligations for retired teachers.

In reality, the percentage of public money going to the schools is closer to 70 percent, according to Gaumer. He is loath to place more of a burden on the town's limited tax base, since some are retired and living on fixed incomes, while others are families with several kids who are struggling to stay afloat.

"We don't want to price people out of town, and we don't want to cheat our children out of a decent education," Gaumer said at the meeting on Feb. 9th. "We have to solve this as a community."

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ABUSE

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experimenting with substances is perception of risk, perception of parental disapproval, and perception of peer disapproval.

Basically: do they think it's dangerous? Will their parents get mad if they find out? And will their response to drugs make them cool or uncool among their friends?

In middle school and ninth grade, statistics show that students aren't really using substances. Close to 100 percent believe that drugs and alcohol are risky, and that both parents and peers will look down on them for using. In fact, ninth grade substance use in Cohasset is well below the national average.

But something happens between ninth and 10th grade. Suddenly the number

of students using alcohol or marijuana skyrockets. By 12th grade, it's far beyond the national average, with 64 percent of students having used alcohol in the past 30 days and 51 percent having used marijuana in the same time frame.

Seven percent have even tried prescription drugs – mostly things like Adderall, a medication for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Accompanying that rise is a decline in perceived risk, perceived parental disapproval, and perceived peer disapproval. In other words: 10th through 12th graders don't believe substances are dangerous. They are no longer so worried about getting in trouble with parents. And far from disapproving, their peers are more likely to be egging them on.

"Parental disapproval is the number one reason for

kids to not do drugs," said Murphy. "We have to educate the parents about the effects of marijuana and alcohol on the developing brain."

As teen substance abuse rises, so have the number of substance-related incidents reported by the school in the past year, and so have the number of students seeking counseling for anxiety, stress, depression and self-worth. Emotional disability diagnoses are up. Crisis center referrals are up. Making yoga and meditation accessible to students has done little to stem the tide.

The Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition has made great strides in bringing this conversation to the community. A presentation last fall, "Hidden in Plain Sight," invited parents to search a mock teen bedroom for sneaky signs of substance use. Working with town officials, schools, police,

and local press, it has educated the community about disposing of unused prescriptions at the police department.

Next on the docket, the Coalition is collaborating with the schools to host "Drug Story Theater," an improvisational theater program for teens who are in the early stages of recovery from drug or alcohol addiction.

These teens learn the skills of improv theater and use performance to share their own true experiences with addiction in hopes that other teens will learn from their mistakes and not follow the same path.

Drug Story Theater has come to Plymouth, Marshfield, and, as of Feb. 11th, Hull. Cohasset is working to set a date for the program to run at the high school this spring.

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TOWN ELECTION

Gaumer, Keniley pull papers for selectman

Brewer seeks reelection to planning board

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The first day to pull nomination papers for Annual Town Election was Monday, Feb. 8th – though with the snowstorm, the first day, effectively, was Tuesday.

As of press time Wednesday, three candidates had pulled papers: Steve Gaumer, current chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Jack Keniley, member and former chairman of the Capital Budget Committee; and Clark Brewer, current chairman of the Planning Board.

Gaumer is running for reelection after three years on the Board of Selectmen. Previously, he served 12 years on the Capital Budget Committee before deciding that, if he really wanted to bring about the positive change he believed in, he would have to do so from an elected position.

"I don't believe I've accomplished all that I set out to do," Gaumer said of his decision to run for a second term. "This has been a period of progressive successes, and looking at the dynamics of the current board, there's a good deal of stability and diversity; I would like to see that continue."

Keniley has served in town government for almost 10 years, and has served on Capital Budget for eight. Additionally, he was on the town manager search committee in 2010 and the governance committee that rewrote the town's bylaws in 2012.

"Representative town government is the purest form of government," said Keniley. "It's a gift from the forefathers that should be preserved, and I'm happy to volunteer to make sure that this form of government works for the citizens."

Keniley hopes to continue the trend of infrastructure improvement in town, including completion of technology upgrades such as a new phone system. He also hopes to create a plan for maintaining that infrastructure. And finally, Keniley would like to make improvements to town facilities – all with the goal of improving service to the citizens.

There are two seats

Town election

The following positions are available:

- Selectmen for three years (2);
- School committee for three years (2);
- School committee for one year to fill an unexpired term (1);
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library for three years (3);
- Assessor for three years (1);
- Board of Health for three years (1);
- Cohasset Housing Authority for five years (1);
- Planning Board for five years (1);
- Planning Board associate member for three years (1);
- Recreation Commission for five years (1);
- Sewer Commission for three years (1);
- Water Commission for three years (1).

available on the Board of Selectmen.

Brewer, if elected to another five-year term on the Planning Board, will be gunning for 13 years in local government.

"It may seem unlucky," Brewer said, "but there are a lot of challenges in front of us right now and I don't want to lose any momentum in working on the Master Plan, as well as buttoning things up with the 3A corridor study and applying for grants."

The Master Plan process can be long and arduous, and Brewer believes he's in the right position to see it through.

"Some people have super demanding jobs, kids, and 50 soccer games a week," Brewer said. "My work life is not that stressful, and I don't have kids, so I have the extra time to help look at solving problems. As an architect, that's really what I like to do, anyway."

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's office until March 24th. Nominees must be registered voters of the town. All papers must be submitted by March 28th. Note that nominees are not running for office until papers are taken out and the board of registrars certifies signatures – and yes, that applies to those running for reelection, as well. Annual Town Election is scheduled for May 14th.

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AROUND TOWN

Deacon Woodgate wins foul shooting contest

Hey Cohasset: we did it and actually had a good-sized winter storm in 2016! For the most part, aside from some flooding and power outages, most of the issues and damage were not too bad. Will there be any more of that size before spring?

Frankly, I am not crazy about the weekend forecast of bitter, bone-chilling and dangerously cold temperatures for a day or two. Remember to take precautions in regards to your homes and also, take extra special care with your children and animals during this time. Hopefully, this burst will be the only one we see, as I would take all the snow around without the bitter cold, BRRRRRR!

With all that being said, Sunday is Valentine's Day so I wanted to wish you all a very happy day as you celebrate with your loved and special people in your lives.

It also starts February Vacation for so many children and families for the week. I have heard of plans for trips to the Bahamas, Aruba, Disney, ski trips and, just staying right around home and doing activities here and special day trips too.

Skiing at Blue Hills, skating, a movie, bowling, some arts and crafts or other special time, it will all be fun. Whatever it is that you do or plan, enjoy the moments big or small and embrace it with each other as it quickly becomes a precious memory.

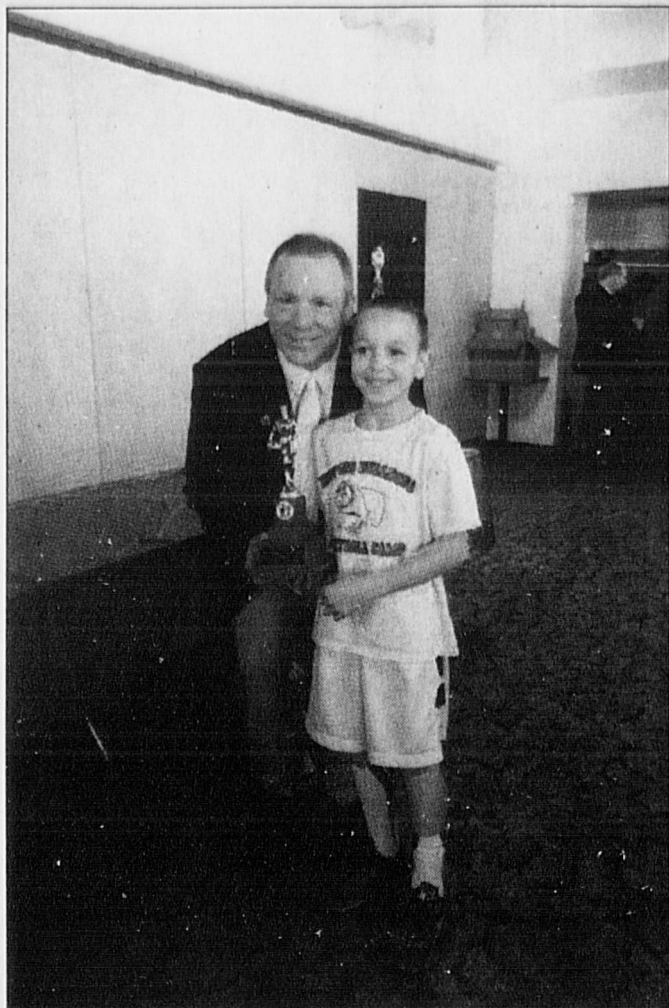


JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Hoop star

Nine-year-old Cohasset boy, **Deacon Woodgate**, has won the Massachusetts state championship for the Elks Hoop Shoot foul shooting contest which was held in Maynard, Mass. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Deacon advanced to the Massachusetts final by winning both the local Elk's Lodge contest in Marshfield and then winning the district contest for his 8-9 year old age group. The next round will be held in Portland, Maine where Deacon will face competitors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The winner of that contest will advance to the national championship in Chicago.



Deacon Woodgate with Harry See, the Elks President-Elect for 2016. COURTESY PHOTO

Thayer honors

The following Cohasset students have been named to the honor roll at Thayer Academy:

Caroline Bacon, Grade 9, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Paige Carrabes, Grade 12, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Honors for Semester 1.

Finnian Doherty, Grade 9, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

William Englander, Grade 11, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Guillermo Fernandez Perez, Grade 10, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Nicholas Hanflig, Grade 12, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Declan Havlicek, Grade 10, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Leanne Hayden, Grade 10, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Kyle Jacobs, Grade 12, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Morgan Langenhagen, Grade 10, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Riley Mahoney, Grade 12, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Caitlyn Marat, Grade 10, earned High Honors for

Term 1 and Semester 1. **Kendall McConaughy**, Grade 10, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Abigail McLean, Grade 12, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Tilly McLean, Grade 9, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

A. Ford Murphy, Grade 12, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Mary O'Donnell, Grade 10, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Regan O'Donnell, Grade 12, earned High Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Morley Pace, Grade 9, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Graham Schwandt, Grade 12, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Madelyn Schwandt, Grade 11, earned Honors

for Term 1 and Semester 1. **Isabelle Thompson**, Grade 11, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

Isabel Witkos, Grade 10, earned Honors for Term 1 and Semester 1.

BC High honors

The following Cohasset students were named to the Boston High School honors list with high honors: **Jake Allen**, Class of 2019; **William Bowen**, Class of 2018; **Aidan Gildea**, Class of 2019; **Dylan Marat**, Class of 2016; **Liam McDonald**, Class of 2017; **Matthew Montefusco**, Class of 2016; and **Charles Pyne**, Class of 2018.

The following Cohasset students were named to the honors list with honors: **Tomas Crosby-Bell**, Class of 2019; **Matthew Doyle**, Class of 2017; **Michael DeVries**, Class of 2018; **Daniel Driscoll**, Class of 2018; **Sereno Fricano**, Class of 2019; **Griffin Gildea**, Class of 2017; **Ryan Golz**, Class of 2017; **Noel Hart**, Class of 2017; **David Hillman**, Class of 2017; **Charles Krumsiek**, Class of 2016; **Adam Kucinski**, Class of 2016; **James Krumsiek**, Class of 2018; **Thomas Marshman**, Class of 2019; and **Matthew Wolfe**, Class of 2019.

For high honors, a sophomore, junior or senior must have at least a 3.8 GPA and all grades C-plus or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 GPA and all grades C-plus or higher. For honors, a student must have at least a 3.2 GPA and all grades C-minus or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 GPA and all grades C-minus or higher.

Read-In Days!

During winter vacation, the PSO and Paul Pratt Library are hosting two "Read In" days. Deer Hill

and Osgood students can come to the library with a favorite book or get help finding a new book, read with friends, eat pizza and log minutes. This is a drop-off event supervised by parent volunteers. You can register on the Paul Pratt event keeper for this FREE event.

The event is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 16th from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 18th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is a fun place to read and log minutes during February vacation.

All proceeds from the Read-a-thon go to the Cohasset Public Schools Parent Student Organization (PSO) to help fund student enrichment programs and other student centered school supports so don't forget to sponsor your child in this fundraiser. If you have questions or want more info, email **Jennifer Askjaer** (jenniferaskjaer@gmail.com) or **Kelly Fleming** (kellylfleming@gmail.com) or if you are interested in volunteering.

Author visit

Author **Sue Miller** will give a talk about her book "The Arsonist" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sunday, Feb. 28th at 4 pm. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow Ms. Miller's talk. Free admission and seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. For more information call the library at 781-383-1348.

That's the news Cohasset. Send next weeks news to me by Tuesday no later than 5 pm.

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GIMME SHELTER



Sendi loves to be petted and will roll over and stretch out when her head and chin are rubbed. COURTESY PHOTO

Sendi looking for some one-on-one attention

By Tammy Hatch

Meet Sendi, a recently surrendered 4-year-old Tortie with a thick and luxurious blend of brown, black and tan fur and soulful green eyes. Sadly, this sweet girl was unable to accompany the only owners she has ever known when they had to move.

Cats who are surrendered due to unfortunate circumstances like Sendi's find it difficult to adjust to shelter life, and this dramatic overnight change has been especially stressful for this well loved and cared for girl. While Sendi doesn't make any trouble with the other cats in the room, she isn't interested in making new friends with them either. She wants and misses the companionship she had with her elderly owners.

Though she is polite and friendly, Sendi will retreat

Sendi is used to being the center of attention with humans, not felines, and lights up when she has a visitor who will take the time to sit down and talk to her.

back to her bed and curl up and watch when the occupants of her room approach her and try to engage her in play. Sendi is used to being the center of attention with humans, not felines, and lights up when she has a visitor who will take the time to sit down and talk to her. She loves to be petted and will roll over and stretch out when her head and chin are rubbed.

Sweet, sad and missing one-on-one love, Sendi deserves to be in a home where she is loved and can feel special again. Come in

and see for yourself what a sweet and special girl she is.

You can learn more about Sendi and the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781-534-4902.

We would like to take this opportunity to give a very special thank you to Petco's Unleashed in the Hingham Shipyard for recently nominating Hull Seaside to receive a "Pounds for Pounds" gift card.

—Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Mike Welch, Mike Reimer, Matthew Patten, Bruce Manning, and Raymond Espinosa of the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry fire off a round for Governor Andrew who was the governor of the commonwealth during the Civil War during last year's Lincoln Day observances. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

1 LINCOLN DAY: Hingham Historical Society will hold Lincoln Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Feb. 13 at Old Ship Church, 107 Main St. Former director of Pilgrim Hall Museum Patrick Browne will give keynote speech exploring the sometimes complicated relationship between Abraham Lincoln and Gov. John Andrew. Muster at Old Ship Church by the Hingham Militia and Civil War reenactors at 10:15 a.m. At 11 a.m., inside the church historical choral music, reading of a proclamation and Browne's address. Following the ceremonies, participants can join the walk to the Lincoln Statue for the laying of wreaths and, then reception at Ames Chapel in the Hingham Cemetery with a light meal and hot beverages. Free and open to the public.

2 MUSEUM PASSES: Plans to visit a museum over school vacation week? Library cardholders now have access to two new passes. Explore the many properties at the Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries, Nature Centers, and Museums or gather the gang and have fun at The Hall at Patriot Place. The Community Garden Club donated the pass to the Audubon Sanctuaries. Friends of Library is sponsoring the pass to The Hall at Patriot Place. Reservations: 781-383-1348 or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

3 CATMOBILE: The Catmobile, which offers low-cost spay and neuter for cats only, will offer its services Feb. 13 at the Hull

Seaside Animal Rescue, 487 Nantasket Ave. The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society operates the Catmobile, which is staffed by a licensed veterinarian and one veterinary technician. The package consists of spay/neuter, rabies vaccinations, exam, nail trim and treatment for fleas and ear mites. For prices and reservations: catmobile.org; 978-465-1940.

4 BABYSITTING, HOME ALONE COURSE: Home Alone Staying Safe & Babysitting Course: On Friday, Feb. 19th Cohasset Recreation is offering two great courses which will teach your kids valuable life skills to care for themselves and for others. Both classes are taught by South Shore Safety which specializes in health education and safety programs for kids. Home Alone Staying Safe, Grades 4th-6th, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Cost: \$49. Babysitting, ages 12 - 16, from 1 to 4 p.m., Cost: \$49. Classes are taught at Cohasset Rec at 100 Sohier St. Register at cohassetrec.com or in person at 100 Sohier St.

5 FEB. VACATION AT HOLLY HILL: 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 16-18. For ages 5 to 10. Come see what's happening at the farm in winter. Cost: \$45 per day or \$135 for all three days for members; \$50 per day or \$150 for all three days nonmembers. Registration required. For information and registration: 781-383-6565; friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

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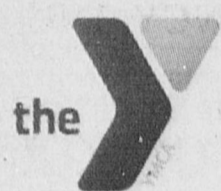
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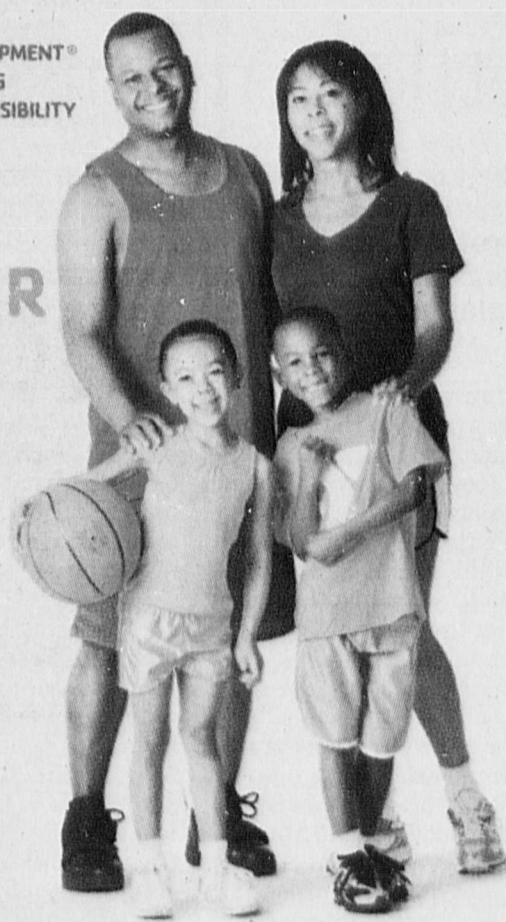
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OPINION

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OUR VIEW

Future is now

Here are a couple of numbers to get your attention: the South Shore will soon be attracting one worker in the prime 25- to 44-year age group for every three retiring workers. The region remains a wonderful place to live with a range of attractive local communities, a vibrant economy, an educated work force and an expanding world of entertainment and recreation opportunities.

But look down the road a few years, and the scene will not be as sanguine unless we make changes in the near future. Do something now, or pay a price in the future.

That was part of the message of "South Shore 2030: Choosing Our Future," a report prepared for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. The report is part of a multi-year effort by the chamber to gather and report information about 26 communities south of Boston.

Chamber members and staff have contributed thousands of hours to the project. And the chamber paid Market Street Services, an Atlanta firm that defines itself as an economic, community and workforce development consulting firm, to assemble an extraordinary range of data about the region, analyze that information and tell us where we are, where we want to go and how to get there.

Do nothing except what we have been doing, the report says, and the future is not bright.

The following are some of the findings from the Market Street Services report that was presented recently at the chamber's annual meeting.

Market Street said the data it collected "reveals some early warning signs that regional trends are no longer pointing towards sustainable growth and success." Extend the current trends, and we will see more residential growth without job growth, it says.

Fewer and fewer young people see in their future a four-bedroom home on a suburban street with an acre of grass. Young people, the work force of the next 10 to 15 years and beyond, place a great

value on living close enough to work that they don't have to drive every day. They want high-end but smaller homes, a network of young people around them and places to go and things to do that appeal directly to their interest.

Young married couples want great schools, recreation, green spaces, safety and good public health.

To grow economically, to get the workforce needed for the future, the region has to provide what these young workers and families want and need.

The present economy on the South Shore is, in the language of the consultants, too internally focused. We buy and trade goods and services among ourselves in a closed circle, and too often don't bring major new money into the region. Retailing and financial services, two of the bulwarks of the regional economy, are shrinking nationally and will probably do so here, too.

Transportation remains a major issue here, which still has only one major highway route into Boston. Commuter trains and development – residential and business – along those train lines are crucial. The Market Street reports uses the term TODs – transit oriented developments – and points out several already in the process of growing and expanding. That's one route to our future.

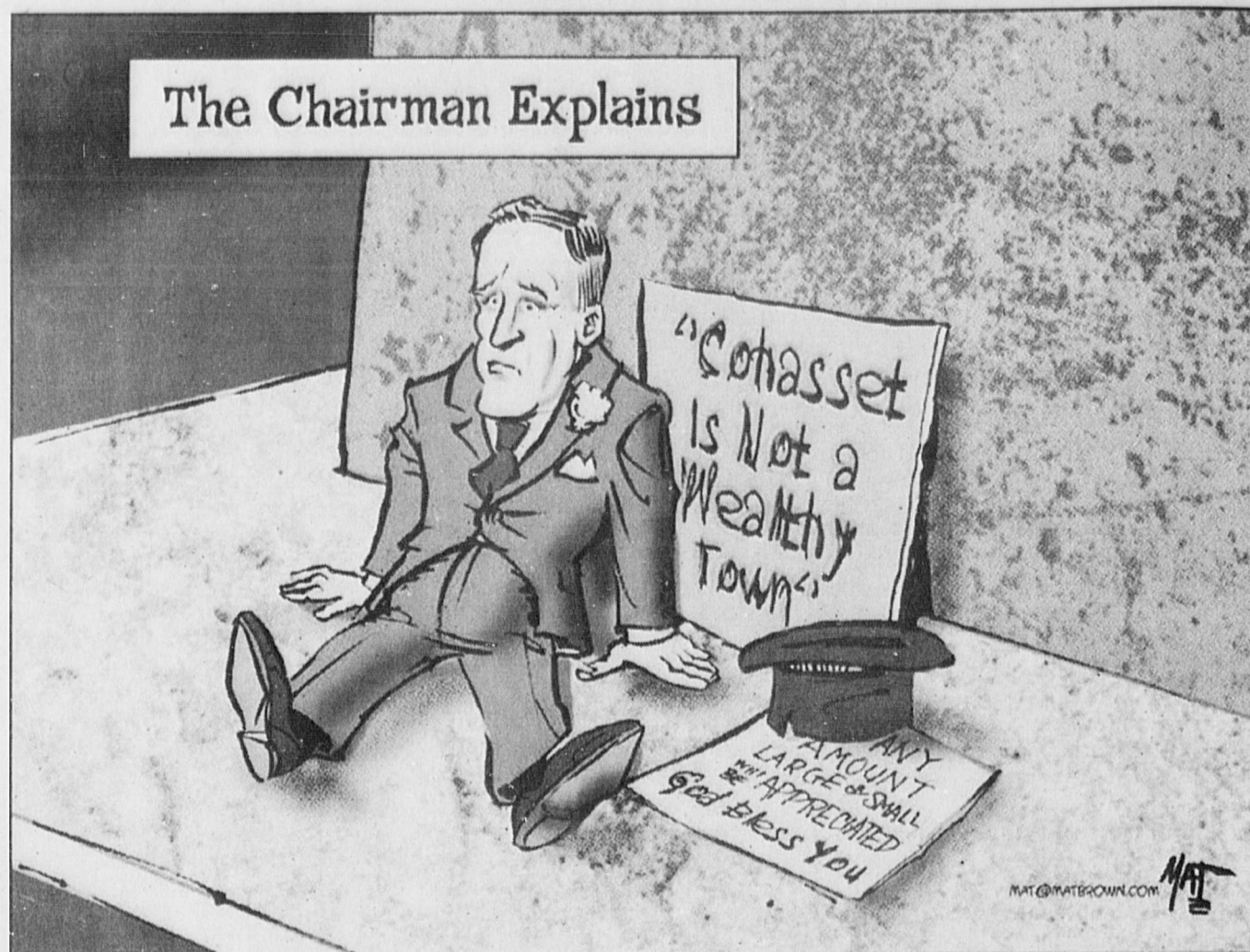
There are many other salient points made the Market Services report. The full report, and additional information, is posted online at southshorestrategy.com. It isn't just for business people or chamber members. They have heard about it. We recommend reading it to all our citizens and especially our public officials.

While the report looks at data from 26 communities, the message is valid for everyone in the ring around Boston and farther out. The times are changing, work is changing, transportation and housing are changing, making things and doing business is changing.

The message is: plan for the changes, start adjusting to them or risk getting run over by them.

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COMMENTARY

Keeping Cohasset sustainable

By Jack Buckley

On behalf of Cohasset teachers, I would like to thank all of the students, parents, town leaders, and community residents who demonstrated unwavering support for Cohasset teachers during our recent contract negotiations with the School Committee.

Teachers genuinely feel that we've strengthened relationships with parents, students, residents, principals, and even school committee members -- in spite of a tumultuous stretch of contract talks. We're very thankful for the support that so many of you offered in such a variety of individual ways. We're thankful that we work in such a supportive community; we truly are. And like many of you, we're thankful that the stress of protracted negotiations is finally over.

Residents need to know that the School Committee held firm to the town's fiscal goals, yet settled a fair and equitable contract with the teachers.

But, we're baffled by the recent remarks in the Mariner attributed to Town Manager Chris Senior and Board of Selectmen Chair Steve Gaumer. They each state, in so many words, that the School Committee gave away the farm. Mr. Senior assessed the outcome of the School Committee's work as a contract that was not sustainable for the town. Chairman Gaumer went so far as to suggest that the Committee-Teacher agreement put public health and safety in jeopardy, questioning cuts to fire, police, and even ambulance services to meet the demands of the contract.

We're baffled that town officials would engage in

such inflammatory rhetoric, essentially throwing their fiscal partners of the School Committee right under the proverbial big yellow bus. We're baffled by this public rebuke.

We're baffled because the public record over the last year on both sides of the aisle, so to speak, clearly states that Town and School leaders have been diligently and conscientiously collaborating to develop a long-term fiscal plan for the town of Cohasset.

Are we now to believe that in the secrecy of final negotiations the School Committee went rogue on their town-side counterparts and irresponsibly and inexplicably

capitulated to placate the teachers in such a way that it puts the town's financial stability in question? School Committee does a "180" on the town and thumbs its nose at fiscal responsibility? Not at all.

Residents need to know that the School Committee held firm to the town's fiscal goals, yet settled a fair and equitable contract with the teachers. Residents need to know it's a contract that falls well within the norm of regional communities, yet one that strengthens our school system in ways that continue to attract families to raise their kids in Cohasset.

A failure to do so would be the one thing that's truly not sustainable for the town of Cohasset.

— Jack Buckley, 272 N. Main Street, Cohasset Middle High School teacher, 1987-present.

COMMENTARY

Teacher settlement mischaracterized

By Patricia Thompson

In two recent articles, Town Manager Chris Senior and Selectman Steve Gaumer mischaracterize the terms and costs surrounding the recent teacher contract settlement.

For example, the Town Manager Senior mistakenly claims that both the School Committee and CTA declared impasse. This is patently untrue. The teachers urged the School Committee to stay at the table and continue with negotiations, but the School Committee declared impasse and unilaterally petitioned for mediation.

Additionally, the Town Manager wrongfully claims that the current compensation model for teachers was something Cohasset did not create. In fact, the Cohasset School Committee in 2006 insisted that the teachers accept a 16 step salary schedule. This means it would take 16 years for a Cohasset teacher to reach the appropriate top salary. The teachers were very much opposed to this proposal since other town contracts in Cohasset have far fewer steps. As a

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compromise, the teachers agreed to the 16 step scale.

Now, the Town Manager wants to turn around and use the very proposal won by the school committee 10 years ago to argue that the compensation model is unsustainable? It takes a Cohasset teacher 16 years to get to the appropriate top step on the salary schedule. The step adjustments referenced by the Town Manager are corrections to discounts that the school committee proposed and won in 2006.

We know that teachers, as a profession, are undervalued. We know that other professions which require a Master's degree pay far more than teachers' salaries.

We know that the starting salary for a teacher with a Master's degree in Cohasset (\$50,097) is less than the same salary of a teacher in Norwell (\$51,123), Hull (\$51,211), Hingham (\$51,965) with only Scituate paying less

(\$47,366).

We also know that benefits, such as retiree health insurance, which used to offset the lower salaries have been dramatically reduced in recent years. For example, we know that the Selectmen and Town Manager voted unanimously to reduce retiree health insurance benefits for future retired teachers. We know that just two years ago, Cohasset teachers and other town employees voluntarily agreed to increase health insurance co-payments.

We know that the per pupil expenditure in Cohasset falls in the middle of neighboring communities according to the most recent numbers from the MA Department of Education. Hull (\$16,750) and Norwell (\$14,047) have a higher per pupil expenditure than Cohasset (\$13,913) while Scituate (\$13,308) and Hingham (\$11,818) have slightly lower expenditures.

Ironically, we know that before Cohasset, our Town Manager last worked in North Hempstead, N.Y. What is the per pupil expenditure in North Hempstead, NY? \$15,000? \$20,000? Try \$24,658!

We commend the efforts of all involved to finally settle a teachers' contract in which both sides compromised. We commend the school committee for their commitment to our schools. We commend parents and community supporters for your support of our schools. We commend the work of all town employees including our firefighters, police officers, DPW, town hall employees. We also commend Cohasset teachers who devote our professional lives to the students of Cohasset.

We know that our investment in our students, schools and community falls within the norm of neighboring communities. Our commitment to our students, schools and community is sustainable – our students and community deserve nothing less.

— Patricia Thompson is President, Cohasset Teachers Association.

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COMMENTARY

Time has come for override

By Andrew Quigley

With regard to last week's lead story in the Mariner, "No formula yet to pay for contract," a few observations:

1) Up until about 10 years ago, Cohasset voters routinely passed budgetary overrides every three years (separate and apart from the debt exclusion overrides we passed for the new schools, the central town sewer, and a few other minor things) because it generally was acknowledged that our town faces a structural annual deficit. We have no commercial tax base and we get little in the way of local aid from the state. We are dependent for our revenue almost exclusively upon residential property taxes. Even in our low-inflation era, the strictures of Prop. 2-½ are not workable. The every-three-years-override formula allowed us both to catch up and get a little bit ahead.

However, 10 years ago the anti-tax, anti-school crowd finally mustered enough support to defeat a budgetary override. Cuts were made in the School Department (eliminating programs such as Middle School athletics) and in other departments. We have not passed a budgetary override since.

I do not have figures to support my next statement, but I would venture to guess that the reason we have not had to seek budgetary overrides in these past few years is because of the extraordinary increase in revenues attributable to new growth and the associated building permit fees (which are excludable from the Prop. 2-½ cap).

However, that new growth in tax revenue from Avalon and the million-dollar-per-home subdivisions at the Bancroft and Hayes estates now has leveled off and is being offset by the increase in our school population. (Keep in mind that a home assessed at \$1 million brings in about \$10,000 in property taxes, but if there are two kids in the school system at a cost of \$13,000 per pupil, there is a net deficit of about \$16,000 — at least on paper — for every one of those new homes. And yes, that family probably has two \$50,000 motor vehicles in their garage, but the increase in excise tax receipts is insignificant.)

It was inevitable that at some point, the proverbial rubber would hit the road once again and it appears that we have reached that point where we need an override to maintain our town services.

2) A quick comment about the town's financial situation vis-a-vis our bond rating (which was obliquely referred-to in the article): By no means am I an expert in this area, but a municipality's bond rating goes down when it takes on a debt burden that is large relative to its revenue and total valuation (among other things). A Prop. 2-½ override does not increase our debt, but rather increases our revenue — and that is something that Wall Street actually likes.

3) Selectman Steve Gaumer was quoted as saying that he does not believe that Cohasset is a "wealthy town." Really? Steve, what planet are you living on? I should point out that I've known Steve for a long time. I coached one of his daughters in Youth Soccer and I believe that the town has been extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated and as competent as he has been for more than a decade, both as a selectman and prior to that as a member of the Capital Budget Committee. I respect his public service immensely and have voted for him in the town elections — so I do not mean to be insulting or negative.

However, for Steve to make that comment is just absurd on its face and constitutes nothing more than pandering to a certain constituency. Cohasset is one of the wealthiest communities in our wealthy state by any measure, with an average sale price for a single family home of over \$1 million last year.

As for the often referred-to senior citizen living on a fixed income who can't afford a tax increase, two comments: First, most of these seniors may be on fixed incomes, but they have BIG fixed incomes. An extra few hundred dollars is not even remotely going to be a budget-buster for them. Second, with regard to the house-rich, cash-poor senior citizen (and yes, there are a few in our community), state law provides a mechanism for them to defer their property taxes if they cannot afford them. It's a very simple process and allows seniors to remain in their homes until they sell them, at which time the deferred taxes become payable. It's a win-win for everybody, which is why the legislature passed that law some years ago, specifically to avoid the type of issue (senior citizen residents with no kids in the schools vs. those with kids) by which Steve is seeking to divide us.

4) However, whether

Cohasset is a "wealthy" community is really beside the point on either side of this debate. The sole issues are, "Is this a fair contract? If so, are we the taxpayers willing to pay for it?"

As to the former, it simply is nonsense for anyone to suggest that it is overly-generous (or however one may wish to characterize it) to give a 2 percent pay raise to a teacher who has worked here for 15 years and who is maxed out on the step and column ladder. This contract sounds like a great deal for the taxpayer and a VERY reasonable agreement by our dedicated teachers.

As to the latter question, public discussion about the value of education always has been like that proverb about the weather: Everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it. Or, to put it another way, people don't want to put their money where their mouth is.

We cannot have a quality school system if we are unwilling to support it financially. We cannot take our teachers (or our police, firefighters, and other town employees) for granted. Our schools are just like anything else in life: If we want a quality product, we have to be willing to pay for it. There are no "bargain basement" deals in education.

A more apt analogy for what happens when a community fails to step up and support its schools (as opposed to that silly and inapposite one in last week's article, attributed to Selectman Gaumer, about a pie and filling) is the situation we've seen in Cohasset Harbor: We didn't keep up with the needed dredging to the point where our harbor became almost useless. Similarly, a quality school system, like a clear harbor channel, is not something that just happens on its own. It requires constant attention and financial support, year-after-year-after-year. But when our educational system is not supported as needed, the erosion in quality is slow, but sure — just as happened to our harbor when it was neglected for 15 years.

Selectman Gaumer and his colleagues need to show a little political courage — and it's only a very little — by allowing the voters to decide this issue. As the editorial in last week's Mariner pointed out, that's what Prop. 2-½ is all about — letting the people decide. It is democracy at its purest. What does Selectman Gaumer have against that?

Andrew Quigley lives at 38 Jerusalem Road.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hockey boosters grateful for support

Dear Cohasset Residents:

On behalf of the 2015-16 Cohasset High Boy's Hockey Team, we are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your generous support of our student athletes who you supported over the weekend of Super Bowl

Sunday during our annual "Book Drive" campaign throughout the Town.

In addition to our terrific local advertisers who make our Annual Program Book possible, we want to thank everyone who made a donation during our neighborhood drive. It is only through your generosity that we are able to fund a large portion of the program,

including ice time, uniforms, coaching, scholarships, and the multitude of expenses incurred by an Ice Hockey Program.

Simply put, we don't exist without your help... and we thank you very much for your continued support!

John Cavanaro for the Cohasset High Hockey Boosters

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

February 'tis the season...

February may be the shortest, coldest and snowiest month of the year, but it's a month chock filled with Grade B & C holidays. The month of celebrations includes; Groundhog's Day, President's Day, public school vacation, a few snow days (if kids are lucky) and of course Valentine's Day. You know Valentine's Day; it's the day that the marketers have monopolized to make single people feel bad and to guilt couples into buying candy, flowers, cards and other unnecessary items. That aside, there are two other February events that I enjoy more than all others combined.

Years ago, I dated an amazingly beautiful young woman with the warmest smile; her favorite holiday was Groundhog's Day because Hallmark didn't make a card for it. While that was true, a movie of the same name came out that year and has since become a commercialized cult classic. Each year I remind that amazingly beautiful young-looking woman with the warmest smile that her holiday is now racking in the bucks just like the others. A little more than a week after Groundhog's Day, the Saturday before Valentine's Day, is when I enjoy an annual February moment that I've dubbed Brown Wreath Season.

Brown Wreath Season, the time of year when one can drive around and see who's still holding onto Christmas by the dead dried out brown wreaths on their front door. As one who has been known to go a bit over the top with outdoor decorations, I'll be the first to say that taking them down can sometimes be an arduous task. Climbing ladders, unstringing lights and packing up decorations in the cold and snow isn't the least bit fun and sometimes it's better to wait for the warmer weather. However there's a difference between taking down outside lights and taking down an over expired bouquet of pine from a door. To take down a wreath one must: open door, grab wreath, shut door. That's it, 30 seconds.

Now, celebrating Brown Wreath Season with the family can be a tremendous amount of fun. Hop in the car on Saturday and drive the main streets of Cohasset, Norwell and Hingham and count the homes that still have wreaths up. It's a picturesque drive and there are plenty of places to stop to eat so you can make the most of your time together.

There's been a recent twist to Brown Wreath Season. A month and a half after Christmas, some of the wreaths are artificial and still as green as the day they were put up; that's okay, count them anyway. A bit of advice though; don't count homes with red wreaths or hearts on the doors, those folks



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

are celebrating Valentine's Day. If you can't get out tomorrow, don't worry, Brown Wreath Season will last a few more weeks, but like the leaves in autumn if you wait too long they'll all be gone.

Beyond Brown Wreath Season, which is really my own little 'Festivus in February', there's a greater, more important event to celebrate in February, one that impacts us all and only comes once every four years. No, I'm not talking about Leap year, or the Winter Olympics. I'm talking about the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, which is the first primary in the nation and officially kicks off the race for the White House.

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary is not what it once was, but it's still one of the most amazing examples of our nation's electoral process at its best. Since 1952, New Hampshire has had the honor of having those vying for the most powerful job in the world (no, not the QB of the Patriots) visit the restaurants, town halls, bowling alleys, homes and schools across the state to share their vision and make their case on why they should become the next United States President. The process isn't only special for the citizens of New Hampshire; it's special for the candidates as well, as they get a chance to hone their messages as they interact directly with the people.

Yes I know we're not in New Hampshire, but the Boston media market is as much a part of New Hampshire as is North Conway. It's nothing to drive 90 minutes to go see the next potential President of the United States talk up close or to go hold a sign and get a chance to feel the excitement. No other place in the country has this level of political intimacy. I had the pleasure of living in N.H. in the 1990's and voting in the '92 and '96 primary. I had the chance to see each and every one of the candidates in that time and it was an honor to have been able to cast my vote in the cold firehouse in Newbury, New Hampshire. It's obviously too late to get involved this year, but make a note to head north in four years to join the excitement.

Unfortunately, things have changed since I cast my first vote in the 1992 N.H. primary and not for the better. The intensity to 'hate' certain candidates would be laughable if it wasn't becoming more prevalent. I've mentioned before that I had the honor of working closely with former Republican Senator Alan Simpson on

a non-profit venture about 16 years ago. At the time, Senator Simpson shared his concern about how polarizing and unforgiving the electorate was becoming. He thought that it stemmed from the issues in 1994 between President Clinton and Speaker of the House Gingrich combined with the emergence of singularly focused media outlets. Sadly, Senator Simpson was correct in his observation.

Every person who reaches the level of being able to generate a legitimate national campaign has demonstrated tremendous skills and should be commended for their tenacity. Oh sure, there's reason to roll your eyes at candidate X or candidate Y, but demonizing a candidate reflects far more poorly on the person ranting and raving than it does a candidate. Most of society are relatively moderate and are tired of the hateful rhetoric.

Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton seem to be the most polarizing figures this year. I had the honor of having a business meeting with Donald Trump a few years back. He was dynamic, charming and intelligent. I had the honor of meeting Hilary Clinton at the funeral of a mutual friend and she too was dynamic, charming and intelligent. Odds are, I may not vote for either, but I am also not going to embarrass myself by sharing vile half truths about them either. Doing so, would make me look more foolish than a dead brown wreath on a door.

We are all smart enough, and as role models we owe it to the younger generation not to feed into the cauldron of negativity. No matter what your political persuasion, there should be plenty of reasons to vote for discuss what you believe in rather than ranting on and on about things you do not.

The Massachusetts Primary is on March 1st, and participating in the electoral process is one of the great privileges we have as citizens. The experience will not be as intimate as the New Hampshire Primary; there will be at least 10 other states having primaries that day, but each vote still matters. Take a few minutes and find out what candidate you agree with most. (Check out www.Isidewith.com) and support that person for the positive reasons you align with. Be a force of positive change with your actions and your words. Perhaps you might even consider getting a yard sign to support your candidate; just don't leave it out until the middle of April.

As always, Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of the month.

John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jjmcs@aol.com

COHASSET FOOD PANTRY

'Souper Bowl of Caring' was super

Hello, and welcome to another edition of the pantry corner. This week the Cohasset Food Pantry gives their thanks to the 10th Grade Confirmation class at St. Anthony's.

They held a drive to benefit both the Cohasset and Scituate Food Pantries as a part of a national campaign called the "Souper Bowl of Caring," which is an organization that uses the Super Bowl to generate help for food pantries nationwide. We'd also like to thank the 8th grade class for helping sort and pack the donations. We also want to remind everybody that despite the

snow, it is still very important to donate.

■ We currently in need of the following items: Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soups & chowders, Tuna, spaghetti sauce, corned beef hash, beef stew, canned fruit, juice, cereal, and gift cards.

The Food Pantry is open for donations every Tuesday morning between 8 and 8:30.

If this does not fit into your schedule there is a donation box at St. Anthony's Parish Center in the foyer, and one at Stop 'n' Shop. Please be sure not to put any perishables in the donation boxes.

We are also happy to arrange a meeting time with anyone who contacts us at the food pantry.

Did you know: nearly 15 percent of Americans are living in poverty (according to feedamerica.org)

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." -- Mahatma Gandhi

Please contact us using the number 781-383-0219, at P.O. box 297 Cohasset Mass. 02025, or by emailing mcsheff110@gmail.com.

The Cohasset Food Pantry column is compiled by Andrew McSheffrey.

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Gannon campaign fundraiser Feb. 23 at the Tinker's Son

The Norwell Friends of Paul Gannon will be hosting a fundraising reception Tuesday, Feb. 23 at The Tinker's Son in Norwell. The event will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please contact steve@gannon-forsenate.com for more information.

Gannon campaign volunteers sought

Beginning last week-end Gannon campaign volunteers began gathering signatures on the nomination papers required for candidates to be eligible to be on the ballot. This effort will be ongoing until the last week of February and if you would like to assist email steve@gannon-forsenate.com or visit the website at gannon-forsenate.com and sign up as a volunteer. The website gannon-forsenate.com, Facebook page and Twitter accounts are great ways for you to stay on top of Gannon campaign activity. Please visit the website where you can see what we are doing and let our campaign know of events and other opportunities in your communities.

POLITICS

Baker backs O'Connor for Senate

More than 200 turned out at the Weymouth's Sons of Italy hall Feb. 3 to support Patrick O'Connor's campaign for State Senate, which was formally endorsed by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Both Weymouth Town Councilor TJ Lacey and Weymouth Mayor Bob Hedlund spoke in support of O'Connor before Baker addressed a crowd of voters and elected officials, Republicans and Democrats alike.

"I can't imagine somebody who's better prepared to understand the needs, issues and concerns of this Senate district than somebody who spent the



Gov. Charlie Baker endorsed Senate candidate Patrick O'Connor at a Feb. 3 event at the Weymouth Sons of Italy.

last eight years serving as one of your key voices on the issues you care about," Baker said.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for the district and a tremendous

opportunity for the Commonwealth," he added.

"It's time we get to work on the issues, provide solutions to problems, start conversations rather than arguments, end the



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partisan divide, unite as a Commonwealth, and make Massachusetts an

even better place to live, work, and raise a family," O'Connor said.

POLITICS

Gannon announces union endorsements

Plymouth-Norfolk senate candidate Paul Gannon has received the endorsements of several labor organizations active on the South Shore, the campaign has announced.

Gannon, a Hingham selectman and former state representative for South Boston, said the endorsements reflect his commitment to the economic and social health of workers and the businesses that employ them

throughout the eight-community district.

"Our economy is driven by the folks who get up every morning and put in long hard hours in order to make better lives for themselves and their families," Gannon said.

"I have always and will continue," he added, "to do my utmost to make sure that public policies and services help them and the businesses that employ them prosper and succeed."

According to the Gannon campaign, the endorsements include Weymouth based United Steelworkers Local 12003, which represents National Grid employees.

They remember when as a lawmaker, Gannon sponsored legislation that became law and made illegal the practice of management locking out its employees.

This happened to then Boston Gas union employees during contract negotiations, thus

denying them unemployment benefits.

Other labor organizations supporting Gannon include the US Steelworkers District 4, Ironworkers Local 7, Longshoreman's Local 799, 800, and 805, Utility Workers Union of America Local 369, I.B.E.W. Local 2222, and the Local 537 Pipefitters Association, according to campaign representatives.

Union and non-union workers alike benefit from government policies that

recognize the burdens of higher taxes, reduced transportation services, and constantly increasing higher education costs, Gannon said.

"These are the issues that determine our economic and social well-being," Gannon said.

"And workers deserve a voice on Beacon Hill that will consistently speak with them and for them.

"I will be that voice," he added.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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RAINY DAY FUND (S 61)

House 43-109, Senate 6-31, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature in order to spend money from the state's Rainy Day Fund, which was established for use in the event of an economic downturn. The Fund may only be used to offset revenue shortfalls or federal funding reductions, or when events threaten the health, safety, or welfare of citizens. Currently, only a majority vote is required to authorize spending from the Fund.

Supporters said that the two-thirds requirement would ensure that the money is used only when absolutely necessary. They noted that the higher hurdle would make it difficult to raid the Fund unless there is a real emergency and overwhelming legislative support.

Opponents said a two-thirds requirement is too strict, pointing out that it is difficult to get a two-thirds vote on any kind of proposal. They noted that it only takes a majority vote to deposit money into the Fund and they argued that the same standard should apply to withdraw it.

(A "Yes" vote is for the two-thirds requirement. A "No" vote is against the two-thirds requirement.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. William Galvin	No
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Generic	No
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Walter Timilty	No
Sen. Michael Brady	No
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	No
Sen. John Keenan	No
Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Marc Pacheco	No
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	No

countability. They cited studies showing that these so-called "independent" redistricting commissions are no more or less independent than commissions established by Legislatures.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring the Legislature to establish a non-legislative redistricting commission. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	No
Rep. Garrett Bradley	No
Rep. Thomas Calter	No
Rep. James Cantwell	No
Rep. Mark Cusack	No
Rep. Josh Cutler	No
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	No
Rep. William Galvin	No
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Generic	No
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	No
Rep. Ronald Mariano	No
Rep. Christopher Markey	No
Rep. Matthew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	No
Rep. William Straus	No
Rep. Walter Timilty	No
Sen. Michael Brady	No
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	No
Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Marc Pacheco	No
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	No

CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (H 8985)

House 119-34, approved resolutions urging the state's U.S. Congressional delegation to approve a proposed U.S. constitutional amendment allowing the Congress and the states to establish systems of public campaign financing and to impose reasonable limitations on private campaign contributions and Super Political Action Committees (PACs). Super PACs are created to help candidates and are often run by the candidate's former staffers or associates who use the PAC to fund negative ads against the candidate's opponents. A candidate's own committee's contributions are limited by federal law but super PACs can legally accept unlimited donations.

The resolutions are in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission in which the court ruled the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to Super PACs.

Resolution supporters said the decision has led to corporations and wealthy individuals contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to Super PACs and having an undue influence on elections that is drowning out the voices of everyday Americans.

Opponents said they support the idea about doing something to overturn the court ruling but prefer an alternative set of resolutions that are broader in scope and include the influence of corporations, unions, political action committees and super PACs on the political process. They argued that the original resolutions focus only on private campaign contributions and Super PACs. All representatives who voted against these resolutions later voted in favor of the alternative resolutions.

(A "Yes" vote is for the resolutions. A "No" vote is against them and in favor of the alternative resolutions.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Garrett Bradley	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	No
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	No
Rep. Geoff Diehl	No
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	No
Rep. Generic	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	No
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Matthew Muratore	No
Rep. James Murphy	Yes

Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes

PUBLIC RECORDS (S 2120)

Senate 35-0, approved legislation designed to ensure that the state and local municipalities comply in a timely way with requests for public records. The measure would also reduce costs to people making the requests.

Provisions include requiring each state agency and municipality to appoint at least one public records access officer to serve as the point of contact for all public records requests; reducing to 5 cents per page per page the maximum amount that state agencies and municipalities can charge for production of any records (currently, such costs can be as much as 50 cents per page); prohibiting any agency or municipality from charging for records if it does not provide the record within 15 days of the request or does not respond to the requestor within ten days; requiring state agencies and encouraging municipalities to post online many commonly-requested public records; and allowing courts to award attorneys' fees to plaintiffs when access to public records is wrongly denied.

Supporters said this is the first update to the state's public records laws in 40 years and noted that it would make state and local government more transparent. They argued it is not acceptable for the members of the news media or for ordinary citizens to face unreasonable delays and high costs to gain access to information that is supposed to be public. They argued that the bill balances access to public records with protection for local municipalities from unreasonable procedures and unfunded mandates.

The House has approved a different version of the measure. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Didn't Vote
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

OPEN CHECKBOOK (S 2120)

Senate 10-26, rejected an amendment to add data to the state's Open Checkbook website, which was launched in 2011 to give citizens more information about expenditure of their tax dollars. The amendment would require the website to include the cost of all state contracts and invoices over \$500,000.

Amendment supporters said this would simply expand what is required to be included on the website and make government even more transparent.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is well-intentioned but is outside of the scope of the public records law bill being debated and is unrelated to it.

The website can be accessed at <http://opencheckbook.itd.state.ma.us/analitics/saw.dll?Dashboard>

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Michael Brady	No
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	No
Sen. John Keenan	No
Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Marc Pacheco	No
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	No

RULING OF CHAIR ON POSTING OF GAS TAX (S 2120)

Senate 31-5, upheld the ruling of Senate President Stan Rosenberg that a proposed amendment requiring that every gasoline station pump include a sign displaying the itemization of all taxes included in the price of motor fuel was beyond the scope of the public records law bill being debated and could not be considered. Stations now typically post the price per gallon of fuel with the vague and general phrase "includes all taxes."

Supporters of Rosenberg's ruling said requiring a private enterprise like a gas station to post information has nothing to do with the accessibility and transparency of public state records.

Opponents of the ruling said a governmental requirement for gas stations to post information on taxes imposed by the state and paid by its citizens is certainly related to the bill and to transparency.

(A "Yes" vote is in favor of the ruling. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	No
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

During the week of February 1-5, the House met for a total of five hours and six minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 36 minutes.

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LIFE AT CHS

Upside and downside of Snow Days

Two months late, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Though the blizzard this past week allowed for some spontaneous snow-days and a long weekend for the students of CHS, Tuesday's driving conditions were not the best -- and it's not so easy finding a parking spot in the student lot when it has become home to multiple snow banks.

Despite the mini-vacation the storm allowed, students still get to take another week off! February vacation will certainly be filled with students playing catch-up with studying thrown off by the missed days, planning out the next few weeks in terms of scholarship applications, or simply relaxing! Some senior students also take this opportunity to visit colleges they've been accepted into to decide where they'll be best suited to attend come this fall.

There are upsides and downsides to snow-days. An upside is hearing the phone ring around 5 a.m., rolling over, half awake and knowing that you get to sleep late because



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somebody just called and told your parents so.

A downside, of course, is the thrown-off feeling everyone seems to get when returning to school. Tests and quizzes were postponed indefinitely in some cases, and many class discussions took a while to get rolling again after being put on hold for so long.

One group who doesn't mind the snow-days, regardless of the inconvenience, is the Cohasset seniors, as we still hang onto the fact that we don't have to make up the snow-days (so long as we don't miss too much school because of them).

The snow also affected many sporting events this week! Though the boys' hockey team won against Marshfield over the weekend, the girls' game is postponed from Monday. A wrestling match has also

been postponed, as many of Cohasset's opponents come from quite a few towns over and the roads aren't in the safest driving conditions yet.

The swim team went to the South Shore League Championship Meet over the weekend, with the girls' team finishing second and the boys' third. Junior team member Nicky Tolosko did especially well in her 100 yard freestyle, which she completed in under a minute (59.15 seconds, to be exact!); congratulations to her and the rest of the team!

The clock is ticking for the cast and crew of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," which is set to go to The Massachusetts Theater Guild Festival on the 27th of this month. The set is being built, attempting to mimic a storybook, with the crew using large frames and sheets of painted canvas to create individual "pages" on the stage.

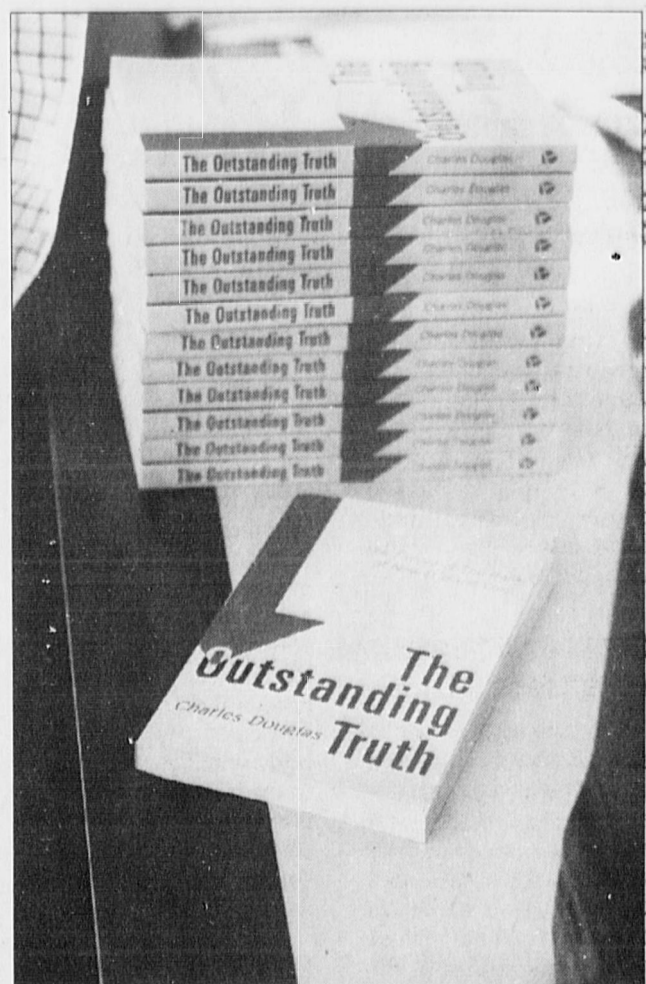
This is very time-consuming and quite difficult on the part of all those involved, causing a little bit of stress as the deadline draws closer. However,

no need to worry, because the cast creates an air of fantasy and vivid storytelling all on their own- the set will just be an added bonus to this already talented group of actors!

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—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. Her vacation plans include sleeping and actively avoiding anything college-related.



The Outstanding Truth by Charles Douglas. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

"It seems incredible that 502 banks have failed since the year 2000, 320 of them in the past three and half years."

Charlie Douglas

BANKS

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their bad practices were perpetuated.

Lo and behold: as Douglas cautioned (prior to his early retirement), the company went into liquidation in 1991, its 161st year. Even worse, other companies that looked to Bank of New England as a leader and followed its example soon faced failure, as well.

Many banks have failed since then. Bank of New England's story is hardly unique. What frightens Douglas is how many other banks and businesses are barreling down the same highway to destruction, oblivious to the exit signs.

Today, some banks bundle their bad loans together into a portfolio and sell it before anyone finds out they're bad loans. Selling the portfolio inflates stock prices, making the company look more successful than it is, and increasing earnings for those on the inside. Like a game of musical chairs, the loser is the one who has the portfolio at the end.

If you're the real estate market, you know how this story ends. After the recession, banks were holding mortgages on properties that weren't worth the amount of the outstanding loans.

Other banks give out sub-prime loans to people who are going to turn around and lend that money to someone who can't pay it back -- a borrower who couldn't get approved by the bank without a middle man.

These aren't new practices, and the consequences shouldn't come as a surprise, either. "It's old behavior with old consequences, done again," said Douglas. He speculated that this trend began once banks grew bigger than the communities they served.

"Old-time bankers lived in a community with the people to whom they lent," said Douglas. "They wouldn't let somebody make a bad decision. If they let their neighbor take a bad loan and it defaulted, it would hurt the community."

"But now," said Douglas, "bankers don't know the person they're lending to. They're willing to let strangers make a bad decision, just like it's okay to sell cigarettes as long as you're not selling to somebody you know."

Exiting the highway to

destruction is not impossible. According to Douglas, failure is completely preventable. But the banks' and businesses of today can only prevent it if they recognize the errors of those who failed before them.

On his website, Douglas quotes Bill Gates as saying, "It's fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure."

Douglas goes on: "It seems incredible that 502 banks have failed since the year 2000, 320 of them in the past three and half years. This is data published by the FDIC. We clearly have not learned the lessons of failure."

"Outstanding Truth," originally published in 2006 by Tate Publishing, aims to spread the lessons of failure, thus inoculating future generations from making the same mistakes. But 10 years later, Douglas is still blowing the whistle, and businesses are still driving off the cliff like lemmings.

The big question that needs to be asked at the management level is this: "Who are the whistleblowers in our company, and what would they tell us?" Every company has people who see things they aren't supposed to talk about. Managers, let them talk about it.

"Wouldn't you rather be one of the businesses that realizes it's a sinking ship?" said Douglas. "Then you can identify the holes and plug them, and the ship does right itself."

If common sense and objectivity win out over greed and subjective management, then, Douglas believes, the ship has a chance of righting itself, and that goes for any business, not just banks.

"Effective management succeeds by objectively evaluating the performance of subordinates," said Douglas. "When the promotion process is, 'He's a nice guy; I'll promote him,' when it's subjective based on friendships, you're apt to misjudge actual performance. That's what happened to Bank of New England. People were promoted to positions for which they had no ability."

"Outstanding Truth" is available from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and Douglas's website, outstandingtruth.tateauthor.com.

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MRS. ROHRER

Beloved CHS teacher remembered

By Shaun Galvin
Special to the Mariner

Former Cohasset High School Photography teacher Eileen Rohrer passed away on Friday, Feb. 5th after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Rohrer was a photography teacher at Cohasset High School for 18 years.

She came to Cohasset High School in September of 1996 as the first ever photography teacher in school history and retired in June of 2014. Before coming to

Cohasset she was a photography teacher in the Cambridge Public Schools for many years.

During her tenure at Cohasset High School she taught photography classes as well as a photo, film and media class. Many of Rohrer's former Cohasset High School students shared their remembrances and condolences on her facebook page expressing how she always had a great sense of humor and made photography classes so much fun and enjoyable.

Students who took photography also remember the great field trips they went on during Rohrer's tenure at Cohasset High School. She was an amazing teacher, mentor and most of all a friend to all of her students and co-workers during her 18 years as photography teacher at Cohasset High School.

Rohrer was also the Senior Class Advisor for several years at Cohasset High School. Eileen was the mother of two children

who both graduated from Cohasset High School. Her daughter Kaitlin graduated Cohasset High School in 2003 and her son John graduated Cohasset High School in 2007. Her husband Ed passed away in 1997.

Overall Eileen will be greatly missed but her spirit and passion for photography and the support she gave to the Cohasset School Community will never be forgotten and remembered forever.

LOCAL CONNECTION

Advocating for the Special Olympics

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently received the John "Jack" Brett Champion's Award from the Massachusetts Special Olympics for his accomplishments in improving the lives of the disabled.

This is the second year that the award was been given. James T. Brett was the recipient of the

inaugural John "Jack" Brett Champion's Award honoring his tireless advocacy work on behalf of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The award is named in honor of Brett's late brother Jack, who inspired friends and family to advocate for communities of acceptance and inclusion.



Pictured: (Left to right) James T. Brett, President & CEO of The New England Council, Mary Beth McMahon, President and CEO of Special Olympics Massachusetts, Lumene Montissol, Special Olympics Athlete, Jay Nothnagle - Cohasset resident & Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. COURTESY PHOTO

CENTER

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end, the front room isn't the only part of the center that's looking forward to big changes.

Next year, the nursery school will be adding programming for toddlers. Madden learned that many parents were bringing their toddlers somewhere else before coming to the preschool. She believes that offering toddler programming will meet the needs and desires of the parents served by the center.

Currently, most of the programming offered at the center focuses on preschool and elementary-level children, with very little to offer students old enough to have graduated from Osgood. Murphy would love to create more options for older kids, tweens, and teens.

She envisions, for example, a cooking class that could help teens learn survival skills they'll need when they go to college. Already, Deer Hill-aged girls are enjoying "girls nights out" together at the center, and the boys have thoroughly enjoyed the new "gymnastics, sports, games and more" class, as well as bowling on early release days.

The center wants to prioritize educational and artistic

programs, including tutoring. Ultimately, it's open to any and all ideas. If you have one, you're invited to share it with the Board of Directors.

"We're always interested in expanding programs if someone has a talent," said Ruthann Ardizzoni, who has directed the gymnastics program for 38 years -- since she was a sophomore in high school and started the program.

The Community Center was started in 1944 on the corner of Sohler Street and North Main Street. It moved to its current location in 1949. The original goal was to offer adult study groups, teen dances, and programs for returning servicemen, among other services.

The nursery school originally had a small kitchen, and a playground in the back. It offered morning programming only and was held in what is now the gym.

When Ardizzoni started the gymnastics program, she had to break down the nursery school equipment and put up her own each time she used the space. To do a gymnastics show, she had to pack up all the equipment and cart it to Town Hall -- including a portable record player for musical accompaniment.

The new addition enabled the school to move downstairs into its own space, and



Look for exciting programming and events in the former senior center lounge space in the South Shore Community Center. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Ardizzoni adopted the gym permanently. It is now used by competitive high school gymnastics teams from all over the South Shore, including the Cohasset/Norwell team.

Over the years, the community center has been not just a place to entertain children, but a place to connect families, whether that's through mom-and-me classes that feed into the nursery school, jointly planning bowling parties, or simply running into other families using the playground.

It also serves as home base for the Cohasset Road Race, the MS Walk, the Jingle Bell Walk, a Halloween fair and a Halloween gymnastics meet, the "spring around town" dinner party fundraiser in April, the kitchen tour in

May, and a massive nursery school art showcase, to take place March 20th this year.

"The board members all have fond memories of coming here as kids," said Murphy. "We want to recapture that feeling."

"Moving forward," she said, "we would love to see this place be a Renaissance Center."

Share your programming ideas via Paula@SouthShoreCommunityCenter.com. If you have any pictures from community center days gone by, Murphy would love to see them, either in digital form or delivered to the center in hard copy.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Skippers split

The Cohasset boys basketball split its last two games, beating Monomoy 50-34 Saturday February 6 in a game postponed a day by Friday's snow storm. The win improved the Skippers to 8-6.

One game later, Cohasset gave a great effort in a 65-61 overtime loss to a solid Division 2 Falmouth squad on the road.

The Skippers led early in the game, and took a 23-17 lead into the half.

Cohasset led 58-56 with 6 seconds to play, but Falmouth was able to tie the game on a buzzer-beating putback on a missed three-pointer.

Chase Bomeisler led Cohasset with 21 points and 9 rebounds, and Alex Norton chipped in 17 points.

The Skippers fell to 8-7 with the loss.

YOUTH BASEBALL

CYBSA registration

Spring is around the corner, and Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association's online Registration for the 2016 season is now open through March 1.

The registration process is available by visiting www.CYBSA.net

Late fees of \$50 will be applied beginning March 1 and registration will close on March 25, 2016.

Cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms to be ready for Opening Day.

Please direct questions to Jen Miller at jencoakley-miller@mac.com or 704-609-1267.

BASEBALL

Hawks looking for assistant coach

The Marshfield Green Harbor Hawks of the Cranberry League, an amateur summer baseball league for college age and older players, are looking for a third volunteer coach to join the staff. The season is 27 games long with games around the South Shore on weeknights with doubleheaders on Sundays. The Hawks prefer candidates with coaching/playing experience at this level.

Call Manager John Joyce at 781-706-7342 or email at faca3166@verizon.net.

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SWIMMING

Outstanding finish for swimmers

Boys and girls second at League Championship Meet

By Michael P. Norton
For the Cohasset Mariner

Propelled by several athletes headed for sectional and state competitions, the combined Cohasset boys and girls swim teams capped their regular season Sunday February 7 by stroking and kicking their way to a second place overall team finish at the South Shore League championship meet. Packed onto a deafening

deck and racing in the warm waters of the Randolph High School pool, the competition was sandwiched in between a snowstorm Friday that cancelled the originally scheduled meet and one that swept through the region on Monday.

The meet wrapped a successful season under first-year coach Bill Burnett and assistant coach Kim Spicer and senior captains Alba Fernandez, Nicky Tolosko, Levente Haber and Luke Norton.

A healthy number of new

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The Cohasset swim team takes time for a team photo earlier in the season. COURTESY PHOTO

GYMNASTICS

Cranberry League champs

Cohasset/Norwell wins league title

By Chris McDaniel
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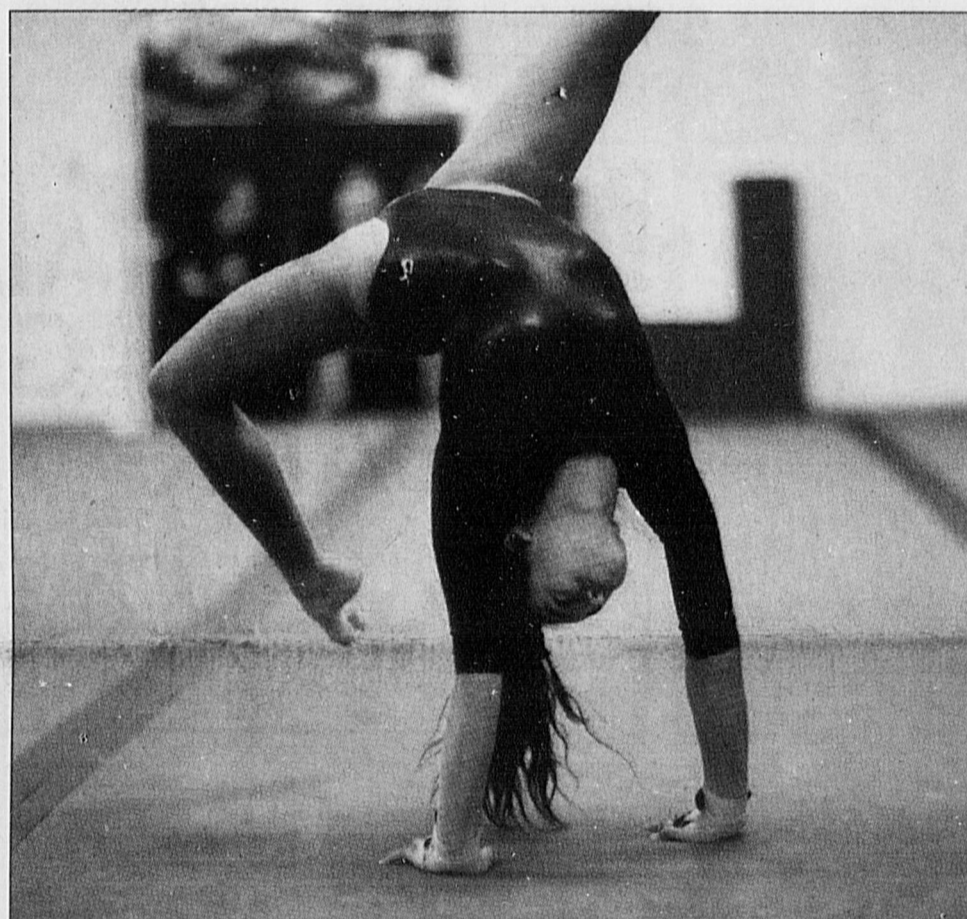
All season long, Cohasset/Norwell gymnastics coach Cassie Pacella had difficult decisions to make while setting her lineup.

That depth helped the team win the Division 2 Cranberry League title on Saturday as Cohasset/Norwell edged second-place Marshfield, 128.6-126.3

Cohasset's Claire Brookbank took second in the all-around (32.6) with her highest tally coming on floor (8.85). Elizabeth Coletta, also of Cohasset, finished third while scoring above an 8.0 on vault, beam and floor.

"Everyday they're going through our rulebook saying, 'What can I do to get bonus,' or 'What can I do to get better?'" said Pacella. "Everyone is pushing each other."

Cohasset's Julia Richardson earned the team's sportsmanship award. Cohasset/Norwell fared



Isabella Russell WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

best on the beam at the league championship meet. Norwell's Caroline Gillis won the event with a

score of 8.4. Mimi Waters (Cohasset) placed second while Evelyn Lane of Norwell was sixth.

Norwell's Olivia Rober, a senior, placed in the top

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Good games

Icewomen playing well as tourney nears

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset-Hanover girls hockey team qualified for the MIAA Tournament last week with a 5-1 win over Boston Latin Academy, and has continued to play well, adding a win over King Phillip and a hard-fought loss to Whitman-Hanson/Silver Lake.

"We played a couple really good games as of late," Cohasset-Hanover coach Deb Beal said. "Saturday night vs. Whitman Hanson/Silver Lake we came up short by a goal but it wasn't without a huge fight. Trailing 4-1 in the second period we came back to tie it at 4 with goals from Kaitlin McGovern (2 goals), Sam Taylor and Callie Hoadley. We gave up

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BOYS HOCKEY

One of those nights

Ice men outgunned by Norwell

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys hockey team ran into a speeding bus disguised as a hockey team when they faced Norwell in a South Shore League showdown of two of the top teams in the league Wednesday Feb. 10 at The Bog in Kingston.

The last time the teams played in January, it came down to the final seconds in a 2-1 Norwell victory.

This time around was nothing like the first as



Cohasset's Kyle Ferriera tangles with Norwell's Nathan Patch, Feb. 10 at The Bog. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Norwell struck early and often on the way to an 8-1 win.

Norwell scored in the opening minutes and finished the first period with a 3-0 lead that was even more impressive considering the fact that the Clippers killed a 51-second

5-on-3 Skipper power play unscathed.

By the time Cohasset's Jimmy Farren scored in the second period, Norwell had already upped its lead to 6-0.

In the third period

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Defensive specialists

Girls winning with tenacious defense

By Mark Ducharme
Correspondent

For a little over a decade, the postseason has been a common place to find the Cohasset girls basketball team and for good reason.

The Skippers are back into the tournament for the third straight year and 12th in the last 13 years under coach John LeVangie and they are there for a reason.

"Our defense," said LeVangie. "Is our strong suit for sure. Our press is tough and our half-court defense is tough as well. We are able to transition a lot of our offense from our defense."

The Skippers have been able to create problems for teams with their defense during LeVangie's coaching reign.

They have won the "endline-to-endline" battle according



Cohasset's Tracy Fogarty takes a free throw during a 40-26 win over East Bridgewater Jan. 15. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

to the coach and it has netted them state titles in 2008 and 2010.

Cohasset has been able to use and develop the people in their program to create their defensive effectiveness.

"We probably have average height," LeVangie said. "We are probably the quickest

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six in three different events. Rober took second on bars (7.3), third on floor (8.2) and sixth on vault (7.9).

Bridget Wixted (Cohasset) finished third on bars, two spots ahead of Gillis.

Norwell's Evelyn Lane was fifth on floor (8.1).

On Jan. 16 the girls celebrated senior night with a 128.2-115.05 win over Scituate. Seniors Rober and Waters competed in the all-around.

"We have a lot of girls who do gymnastics all year round which helps," said Pacella. "Our freshmen coming in have been (big)."

With a team so balanced, Pacella used intangibles to choose the lineup.

"Because the girls are within tenths of each other, what I do use is their determination and attitude," said Pacella. "It's not just strictly talent, it's who is there, who is committed, who works hard every practice."

"It adds a little competition with the girls."

Danielle Picot (Cohasset),

Nicole Brown (Norwell) and Jackie Greene (Norwell) also had strong seasons.

On Feb. 3, every healthy member of the team competed against Thayer in a 124.35-102.6 win.

Katie Maescher of Norwell scored a 7.2 on the vault. Lauren Scott (Cohasset) scored on the beam.

Cohasset's Isabella Russell competed on bars and floor. Cora Quinlin (Cohasset) and Dallis Kehoe (Norwell) performed on beam and Jenna Finnerty (Norwell) was on vault.

Norwell freshman Samantha Lyons will also return next season.

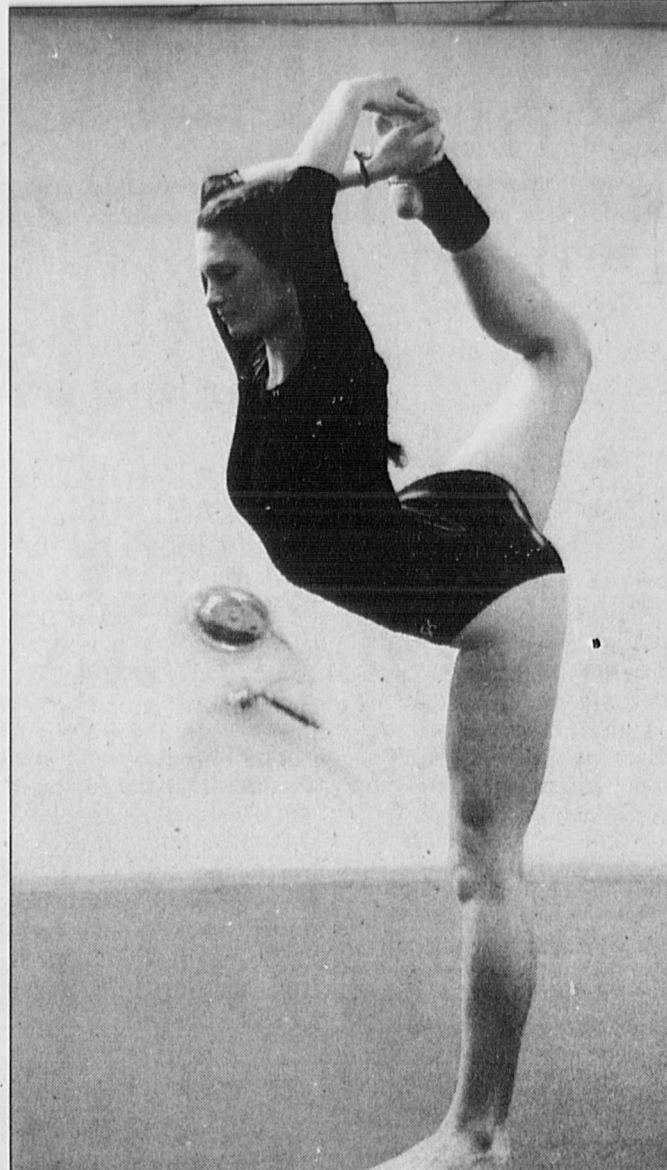
Cohasset/Norwell only graduates four seniors - Greenem Richardson, Rober and Waters.

"I'm very excited for what's going to happen (in the future)," said Pacella. "I've talked to my girls about practicing outside of the season and not just being seasonal gymnasts."

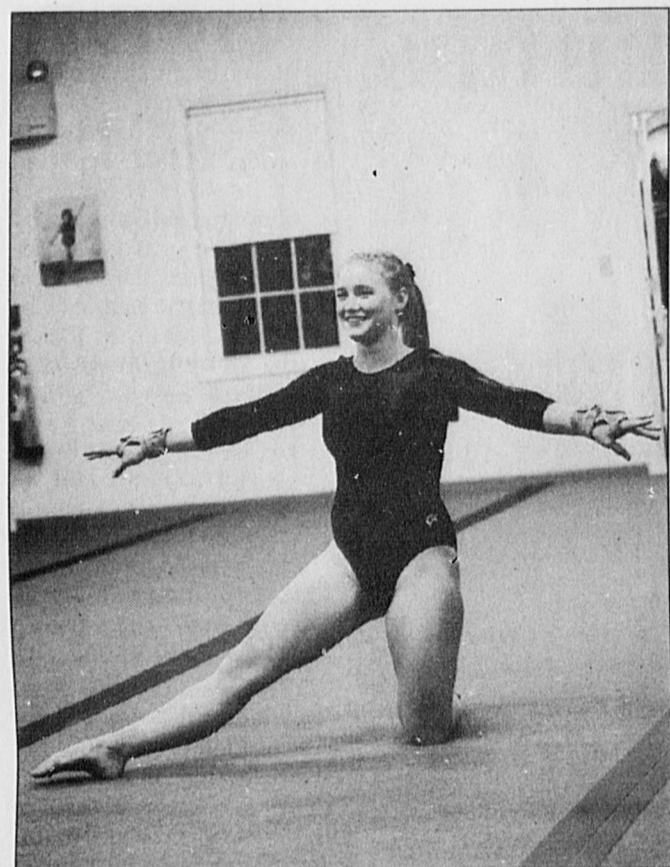
"I definitely see it being another tough year next year picking out the lineup and I'm interested to see what freshman are going to come in."



Lauren Scott on the floor.



Mimi Waters on the beam. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS CHRIS BERNSTEIN



Claire Brookbank.



Elizabeth Coletta

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Roger Paschke, AML survivor, Dana-Farber and Jimmy Fund supporter

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swimmers turned out for Cohasset and gained valuable experience, putting the team in a strong position heading into the 2016-2017 school year.

"All season long we have been working on learning to swim each race smarter," Burnett said. "We have been working with the athletes to focus on how to attack each race more effectively. Nearly 90 percent of our athletes have had personal best times this season which proves our program is working."

Congratulations to the league meet winners from Norwell - the Clippers netted 617 points for their combined teams, followed by Cohasset at 477, Randolph 315, and Rockland High School 122.

In individual events, the first-place finishers from Cohasset were: Julia Klier,

200-yard IM, 2:13.72; 100-yard backstroke, 1:01.79; Dean Spicer, 200-yard IM; 2:07.67; 500-yard free, 5:04.62; Nicky Tolosko, 50-yard free, 26.49; 100-free, 59.15; Joe Wellmann, 200-yard freestyle, 2:11.24.

Haber, Norton, Spicer and Wellmann made quick work of the 200-yard free relay, which they will be swimming in sectionals and states, clocking in at 1:38.94. Madeline Littlejohn, Erin McElhinney, Hanna Burnett and Calli O'Neill captured second in that event for the girls, at 1:59.45.

Starting the meet with one of its most thrilling moments, Klier, Tolosko, O'Neill and Lena Welch scored a second-place finish by sprinting through the 200-yard medley relay in a tad under two minutes, out-touched by less than a second by a powerful Norwell quartet. In the same event for the boys, Norton, Spicer, Haber and Max Nakashima

also came in second, registering a 1:59.39 time that was identical to the Cohasset girls.

In the 400-yard free relay, the Cohasset girls took second (Klier, Tolosko, Welch and Abby Thomas) and third (Burnett, McElhinney, Vivienne Littlejohn and Margaret Norton). The Cohasset boys - Nakashima, Wellmann, Sean McElhinney and Ben Moy - placed third in this relay.

Thomas also showed all-out effort in the 100-yard butterfly, chopping two seconds off her seed time and finishing second at 1:10.96.

The season's not over.

A squad of six girls and four boys will move on to the sectional meet this weekend at MIT and then to the MIAA state championships at Boston University next weekend.

"I am incredibly proud of each and every athlete on our entire team," said Burnett. "Everyone has contributed to our success this year. We have a lot to celebrate this season."

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a goal with moments left in the second period and just couldn't pull it all together in the third to tie it up. With a last ditch effort in the final minutes we pulled the goalie and added the extra skater. WH/SL capitalized and took the game 6-4."

Wednesday Feb. 10, Cohasset-Hanover hosted King Philip and escaped with a 1-0 win.

"King Philip came in Wednesday and challenged us all over the ice," Beal said. "They were quick and forced us to rush ourselves. We struggled to break the puck out of our zone. This was a

great game for us in that it forced us to dig deep and see what we could come up with. We skated hard and never stopped pushing. We caught a huge break with about a minute left when Ellie Jackisch found her center Callie Hoadley at the blue line, Callie exploded towards the net and got around the defender and scored on a breakaway."

The biggest key to the team's success has been the play of goalie Shea Kearney.

"Shea Kearney as usual proved why she is one of the top goalies in the state," Beal said of the Cohasset Mariner January Athlete of the Month. "Her focus and maturity is top notch. In the past two games she has easily

turned away 80-plus shots."

Beal said the team is ready for the stretch run.

"We are excited to push through the end of the season and use each game to challenge ourselves and prepare for the state tournament," she said.

Cohasset-Hanover will face Mansfield/Oliver Ames Saturday Feb. 13 at Walpole's Rodman Arena. They'll also play in the Gould Tournament with Scituate, Norwell and Pembroke vacation week and travels to West Roxbury to play Ursuline in the regular season finale.

The girls were scheduled to face Boston Latin Academy on the road Monday Feb. 8, but that game was snowed out.

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February Camp

There is also a Play U camp Monday through Friday Feb.

15-19.

The program includes soccer, basketball, baseball, kickball, capture the flag, laser tag extreme and more.

Full day sessions are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 per day, \$200 per week.

Full-day includes pizza and a drink

Half day sessions are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$30

Early and late pick up are available and there is a \$5 sibling discount.

For more information, call Shawna Burkhardt, 781-996-3053 Ext. 114 or shawna@thehanover.com

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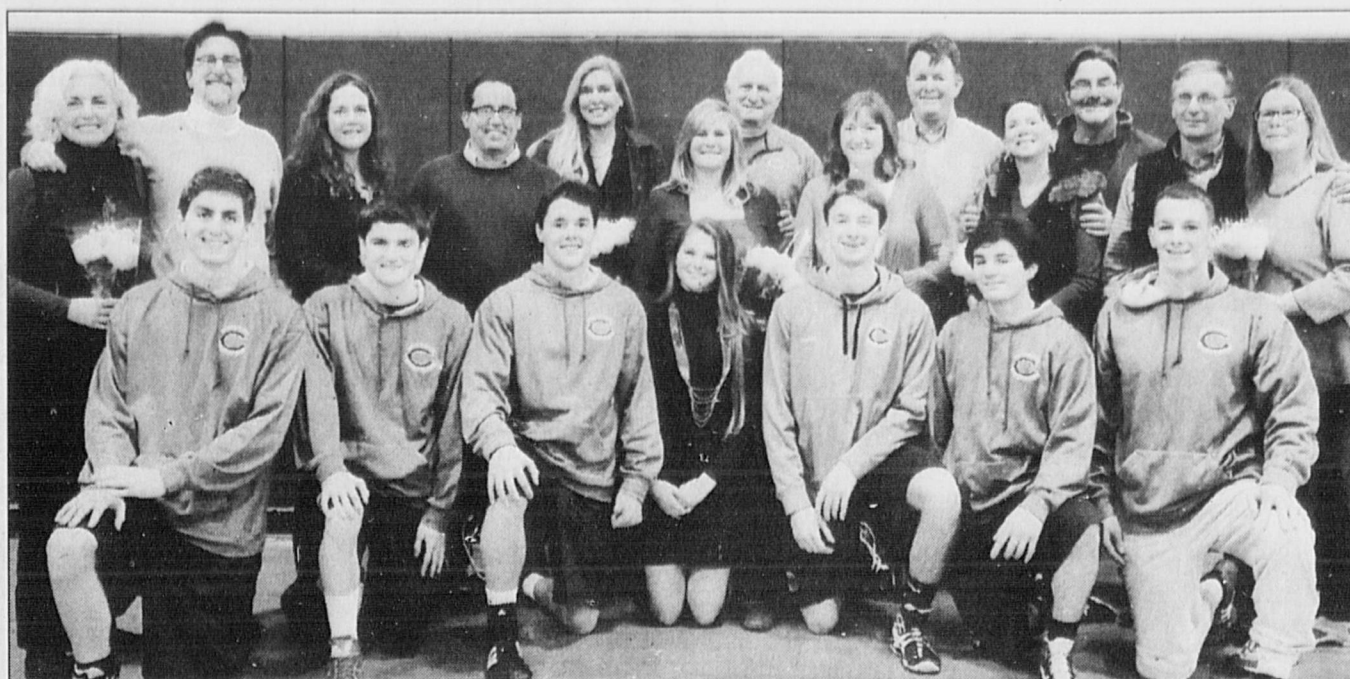
Senior Night

Wrestlers celebrate Senior Night

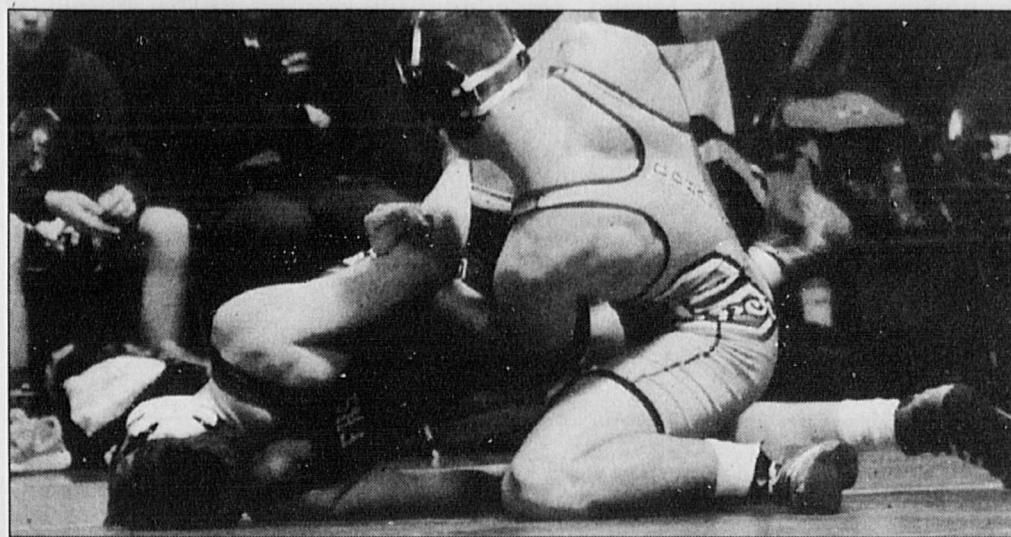
The Cohasset wrestling team celebrated Senior Night Feb. 4 with a meet against Foxboro. The team lost the meet 45-17.

They followed with a quad at Barnstable, where they beat Taunton and lost to Braintree and Barnstable.

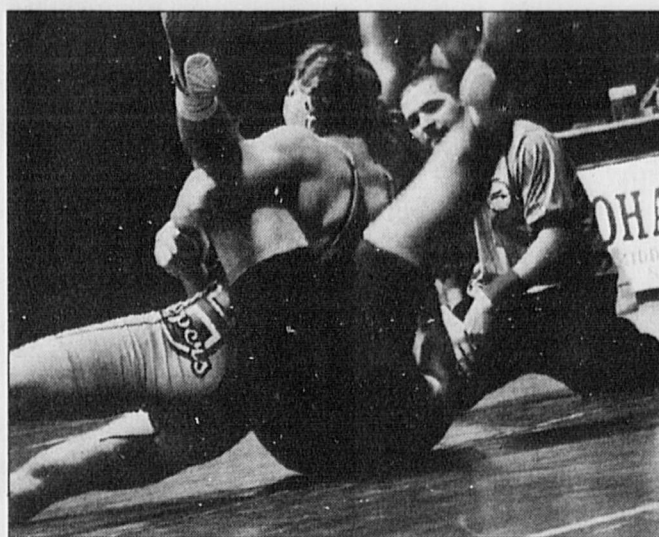
Cohasset will be at the Division 3 South Sectional Tournament Saturday Feb. 13 in Foxboro.



The Cohasset wrestling team celebrated Senior Night, Thursday Feb. 4 against Foxboro. Front row from left, with parents behind are John Clay with parents Sarah and John, Sean Kearns Breda and Jim, not pictured, Cole Sullivan with parents Greg and Christine, Manager, Bretagne Guempel with parents Denise and Erik, Luke O'Brien with parents Linda and TJ, Wyatt Dominguez with parents Carol and Mario, and captain, Sean Mavilia with Ron and Sue. COURTESY PHOTOS



Cohasset's Sean Mavilia.



Cohasset senior Luke O'Brien.

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Norwell picked up one goal on a penalty shot.

Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said it just wasn't his team's night and complimented the competition, which was playing with the addition of a few top players who were out with injuries the first time around.

"It wasn't pretty," Mahoney said. "They played very well tonight. It was their Senior Night and they have a very skilled, senior laden team. They pressured us and we weren't able to respond. They converted their opportunities. We had some good looks but didn't finish."

Mahoney said it could have been a different game if the Skippers could have finished a few early chances.

"It could have been 3-2 or 2-2 instead of 3-0," he said. "Every team has a game like this. We have to learn from it. Norwell is one of the top teams in Division 3.



Cohasset's Kyle O'Brien tries to get the puck against Norwell's Cam Roach February 10 at The Bog.

Norwell is the top dog and they showed why tonight."

Cohasset dropped to 8-7 for the season, 6-2 in the South Shore League.

To qualify for the tournament they need five points in their last six games.

"We have work to do," Mahoney said. "This was a tough one. It would have been nice to answer a little

better."

One game earlier, in non-league action, the Skippers beat Weston 6-2, Feb. 8 to raise their overall record to 8-6. Sophomore Kyle Ferreira and Freshman Matt Lund each scored twice to lead Cohasset.

Seniors Jimmy Farren and Andrew Rosano added solo goals and Senior



Cohasset's Jackson Dutton battles Norwell's Trevor Nadeau Feb. 10 at The Bog. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Liam McHugh earned his eighth victory of the season in net.

"I liked our overall effort, particularly in the first and third periods, where we combined an aggressive forecheck with a strong backcheck," Mahoney said. "We created turnovers and prevented them from moving the

puck with speed through the neutral zone. On offense, we put pucks on net and drove to the net, a very simple approach that works."

Cohasset still has games left with Agawam, Rockland, Hanover, St. John Paul, Abington and either Bishop Stang or Sacred Heart in a tournament.

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team in the league. The girls quickness makes the press go. They understand where the ball is going and get to it. A lot of the girls on the team played on the soccer and field hockey teams that reached the sectional finals. There are a lot of girls that play three sports on the team. We are one of the youngest teams in the league, but the girls learn about our defense when they play on the JV's and develop a good understanding."

Cohasset has only three seniors, nine sophomores and two freshmen on the team.

Levanige feels that his senior leadership is the key to the success for Cohasset.

"Our three captains," said Levanige. "We have to that have started for four years and one other that has been on the team for four years."

Tracy Fogarty and twins Meg and Emily Rosano are

the Skippers captains this year.

They are part of an eight person rotation for Cohasset with Mary Catherine Crumley, Zoey Doherty, Elle Hanson, Kate Fitzpatrick and Lauren Cunniff.

The eight person rotation helps, as Cohasset has allowed 40 or less points per game for most of the season.

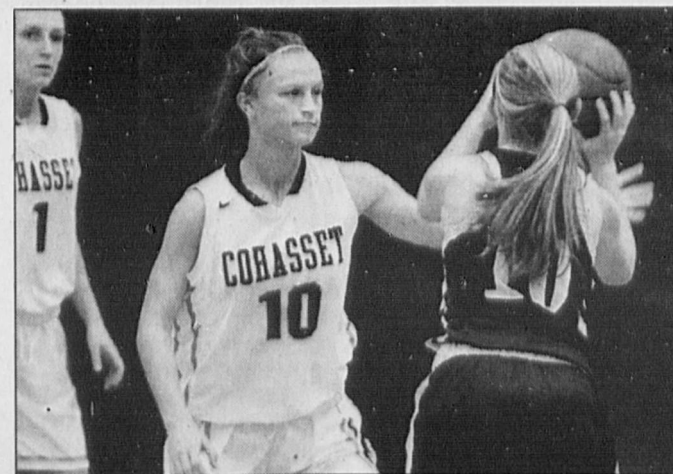
There are some problems too at times being a pressing team according to the coach.

"We turn the ball over some," said Levanige. "but fortunately we cause more turnovers than we make. We have a four-year starter at point guard, Emily Rosano who does a good job of running the team."

There is still time left in the season and some work to do for the Skippers.

"We have three weeks to work with the team," said Levanige. "We will be working on some basketball skills."

The Monomy postponed game because of a snowstorm will be made up on Feb. 25.



Meg Rosano plays some defense during a win over East Bridgewater. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

HOCKEY

Toros turn it around

South Coastal Hockey League roundup

By Mark Ducharme
Correspondent

The Toros lost their first game of the winter season to the Whalers in overtime, 4-3 in the South Coastal Hockey League, but they have turned things around.

Steve Figlioli scored with 1:18 left in the game to break a 3-3 tie and give the Toros a 4-3 victory for their fourth straight win.

Paul Brinkman scored two goals, John Tympanick had one goal and Tom Dromey assisted on two goals for the Toros.

John Guilderson, Don Sullivan and Mike Purdy scored the goals for the Whalers.

Pat Byrne of Scituate scored in the first period assisted by Paul Maier of Marshfield and Barry Kaiser recorded the shut-out in the Crusaders, 1-0 win over the Sharks. The second time that Kaiser has shutout the Sharks.

Frank Elwood scored three goals and Pembroke's Jim Mulhern added a goal and an assist as the Saints rallied for a 6-4 win over the Stingers.

Scituate's Kevin Gee and Jim Ford also scored goals for the Stingers in the game.

Pembroke's Scott Kelly scored two goals and set up another for the Stingers. Pete Tamborella also of Pembroke added a goal and an assist and Ken Wingate scored a goal.

The Sharks Bob Bibeau was named the fourth-annual winner of the league's Tony Shaw Award for sportsmanship.

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Special Olympics to host Polar Plunge

The 18th Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) will be begin at 11:15 a.m. March 5 at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House on Nantasket Beach, Nantasket Avenue.

A costume parade will begin the event, followed by the mad dash of the 750-or-more brave people into the cold surf at noon at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House on Nantasket Beach. They'll be out, drying off, by 12:02 p.m.

Last year, the severe ice caused the Massachusetts Department of Conservation to postpone the Plunges, and cancel Revere Beach, adding to the challenge. Nonetheless, the Nantasket Plungers raised more than \$280,000 for

SOMA, and they hope to double that this year. Unlike most organizations, SOMA doesn't charge athletes or their families to participate, so these funds are vitally important in providing year-round training and 130 competitions in 24 sports for our 13,000 athletes statewide. Athletes range in age from 2 (Young Athletes Program) to 103. (Yes, the centenarian still competes.)

In addition to sports training and competition, these donations support Special Olympics International's worldwide Healthy Athletes Program founded here in Massachusetts in 1994, providing free screening in medical and dental issues for

our 4.3 million athletes. Of the hundreds of athletes screened in 2015, many were referred for treatment.

In 2011, one was sent directly to the hospital after finding he recently had a heart attack. He's still alive and still competing. The organization's joint-ventures with UMass Med School and Regis College train medical students, residents, nurses and doctors in working with people with intellectual disabilities.

The Unified Sports Program, also started in Massachusetts, pairs SOMA athletes with volunteers who are teammates during the competitions, and remain friends afterwards.



Look for the South Shore Mariners again at this year's Polar Plunge for the Massachusetts Special Olympics. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

Captain of the South Shore Mariners Team, Jay Nothnagle, plunging for his 16th time, is a 15-sport athlete, and will be joined by Cohasset plungers and chickens, those who raise money but stay dry. Connie Afshar; Elizabeth Laas; Jessie MacDonald; Steve Myers; Jeff Nothnagle, past state board chair; Pat

Plante; the Sida Family; Chris Taylor; and Doug Yeager, plus many from other South Shore towns. The funds they raise come back to the local South Shore Mariners program, which has 120 athletes ages 6 to 76 from seven area towns.

Come on down to Nantasket Beach March 5

and support athletes with a pledge. Mail check to your favorite plunger, payable to "Special Olympics Massachusetts" or "SOMA", or online at polarplungema.org, click on Nantasket, then Register/Information, then Sponsor a Participant, type in a plunger's name, and follow the directions.

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Nominations sought for Citizen of the Year

Deadline is Feb. 12

By Mary Ford

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In keeping with a 23-year tradition recognizing an individual for outstanding service to the community or a special achievement — the Cohasset Mariner is now accepting nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

We invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset.

Last year Cohasset honored Tom Wigmore for his dedication to the town's veterans on so many levels including, the Healing Field, Memorial Day, 9/11 observance, Veterans Day, placing flags on veterans graves and so much more.

The deadline for nominations for the Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Please see the nomination form on

page A6. The form may be photocopied. Letters of nomination are also accepted and should be mailed or sent by fax to The Cohasset Mariner, 73 South St., Hingham 02043. Our fax number is 781-741-2931. Letters of nomination by email to mford@wickedlocal.com are also welcome.

This is not a popularity contest. Following the close of nominations, a selection panel — after reviewing the names submitted by poring over the nomination letters and comments — will select the Citizen of the Year.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, firefighter, police officer or other municipal worker. And the nominee may be a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has freely given of his or her time and

We invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to Cohasset.

energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the 23rd person honored as the Cohasset Citizen of the Year, joining past recipients:

■ **Gerard T. Keating**, "Mr. Cohasset": for his more than half-century of contributions to the community

■ **Joseph D. Buckley**, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system;

■ **Dr. Robert T. Sceery**, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service as a pediatrician in town and school doctor.

■ **The Rev. Gary Ritts**, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia

Service Project (ASP);

■ **Anna Abbruzzese**, for all her volunteer work at the Council on Elder Affairs;

■ **Katherine Stanton**, for her tireless service to the town and its citizens over the years;

■ **Clark Chatterton**, for his generosity of spirit and deep caring for his fellow man, his years of work as a teacher and athletic director at the high school;

■ **State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray** for a lifetime of service to her hometown, first as den mother and Little League mother and Girl Scout leader, and then as selectman and state representative.

■ **Glenn Pratt** for his dogged determination over 20 years to see more cemetery space in town, remembering local

soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice;

■ **Arthur Lehr** for more than 50 years of volunteer service on worthwhile projects;

■ **Marjorie Murphy** for touching countless lives through her roughly 25 years as school librarian at Deer Hill;

■ **John Coe**, for his work quietly behind the scenes helping fellow citizens and his service as the "beloved Town Crier" for years at the Village Fair;

■ **Marjorie "Margie" Steele**, who was the "heart and soul of the Cohasset Food Pantry," for her energy and long-time commitment to the important service;

■ **Roger Whitley**, former Advisory Committee member, and Paul Pratt Library Trustee, who had spent much time over his 50 years as a Cohasset resident "involved."

■ **Merle Brown**, former selectman (four terms), Conservation Commissioner, involvement with

Beechwood Ball Park project, Boy Scouts, recycling, to name a few.

■ **JoAnne Chittick**, artist and volunteer at Rosie's Place for 30 years;

■ **Dick Avery**, volunteer, for serving on town boards, on non-profits, helping the Boy Scouts and more;

■ **Ed Lappen**, for his tireless dedication and service to his family, community and the world.

■ **Veneta "Vee" Roebuck**, a life-long conservationist for her long-time service on the Conservation Commission;

■ **Phil Lehr** for his 50 years of involvement in scouting;

■ **Jack Buckley** for his vision, foresight and determination in helping to establish the Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR);

■ **Tom Wigmore** for his total dedication to the town's veterans as the force behind many activities and programs.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Peter H. Tolman

COHASSET — Peter Hobart Tolman, 90, of Cohasset, passed away on February 2, 2016.

He was born in Ossining, New York, and grew up in Hingham, and later lived in Milton, NH, Scituate and for many years in Cohasset.

Peter proudly shared stories of his service as a Staff Sergeant in World War II, stationed in Belgium. Upon returning to Hingham after the war, Peter attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, M.I.T., and Northeastern University.

His mechanical aptitude led him to a lifelong career as a skilled Master electrician where he worked for Towle Electric in Cohasset and Atlantic Electric in Boston. He also taught at South Shore Vocational and Technical College.

Peter was never one to sit idly and worked into his 80s providing skilled maintenance services for the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset.

Maintaining the bowling alley at the Community Center was a job Peter loved.

Peter felt blessed to have spent 60 years of his life married to his best friend, Connie. They shared a busy and rich life together as they took their family of five exploring and camping all over New England, spent every Friday at the Boston Pops, traveled to Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Scotland, and generally enjoyed all that life had to offer, together. Peter and Connie attended Fourth of July festivities in Hingham, together, every year for over 50 years.



Peter H. Tolman

luncheons at the Cohasset Senior Center.

Peter was also an active philanthropist who gave generously to causes he believed in.

He was the beloved husband of the late Constance "Connie" (Bigelow) Tolman, and survived by his children, Dave Smith and his wife Beth of Arkansas, Connie (Smith) Hodo of South Carolina, Doug Tolman and his wife Susan of Scituate, Celia "Cici" Franklin of Colorado, and Stuart Tolman and his wife Aileen of Idaho. He was the grandfather of Laura, Carolyn, Scott, Sarah, Amy, Corey, Keaton, Jhovi, David and Julianne and the great-grandfather of Ava. He is also remembered by many dear friends, especially Sally Spear of Scituate who was a devoted friend to Peter these past few years.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Donations in memory of Peter may be made to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061, or to MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

See www.Keohane.com for online condolences.

Joseph M. Dockray

COHASSET — Joseph M. Dockray, age 74, of Cohasset, passed away on February 3, 2016.

Devoted husband of the late Patricia C. "Patsy" (Magee), he was the loving father of John J. Dockray and wife Heather of Cohasset, Michael P. Dockray and wife Heather of Scituate, Ann E. Dockray of Weymouth; grandfather of Thomas, Andrew, Margaret-Mary and Michael Dockray; loving brother-in-law of Ann T. Magee of Braintree and the late John J. Magee.

Mr. Dockray was a graduate of Northeastern University and received his MBA from Ana Maria College of Paxton.

Joe retired from Shields Health Care as a comptroller.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset. Visiting hour Monday, February 8, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. in McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 160 So. Main St. (across from St. Anthony Church), Cohasset. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Scituate.

Donations to honor Mr. Dockray may be made to the South Shore Visiting Nurses Association, 30 Reservoir Park Drive, Rockland, MA 02370.

For an online guest book and more, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

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HOLLY HILL FARM

February Vacation Fun on docket

KNITTING 101: 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24. Carrie Weinstein will be the instructor. During the four-week period, Carrie Weinstein will teach attendees the basic concept of knitting, like how to cast on, knit, purl, bind off and read an easy pattern. Attendees will then apply these skills to begin a simple cowl. Bring materials. Cost: \$80. For information: 781-383-6565; cprenticehollyhillfarm@verizon.net.

FEBRUARY VACATION FUN: 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 16-18. For ages 5 to 10. Come see what's happening at the farm in winter. There is plenty of activity and growth even in the cold months. Each day, guests will explore a different aspect of the organic farm. On Tuesday, attendees will observe, make and take home some rich compost. On Wednesday, head to the woods and trails for a hike. On Thursday, encourage spring and sow some seeds to bring home. Each day, attendees will greet and check in on the farm animals. Come for one or all days. Cost: \$45 per day or \$135 for all three days for members; \$50 per day or \$150 for all three days nonmembers. Registration required. In the event of under enrollment or severe winter weather, the farm reserves the right to cancel with full refund. For information and registration: 781-383-6565; friendssofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

HOLLY HILL FARM SUMMER CAMP 2016: The farm has a wide variety of fun, exploratory, creative, intriguing programs for all ages. Kids ages 3 and 4 can taste spinach. Children ages 7 and 8 can spend a morning at the marsh. Preteens ages 9 and 10 can compete in an obstacle course. Teenagers can prepare for an exciting overnight at the Farm. Adults can spend a week honing gardening skills and cooking vegetables for a special Parents Go to Camp, Too program. Go to the website and click on the camp signup photo to learn more about individual sessions and to register early. Camp Open House will be 10 a.m. to noon March 19. Sessions begin June 6 and continue through Aug. 26. Call or email the farm: 781-383-6565 or friendssofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: As the farm teachers busy themselves with scheduling field trips and planning for spring seeds, there are still programs to teach at schools. Recently, an indoor vermicompost was taught at The South Shore Educational Collaborative. An indoor bin for food scraps and added red wiggler worms was started to do the work of making compost. Soon, attendees will look at seed catalogues at The Old Colony Montessori School elementary classroom.

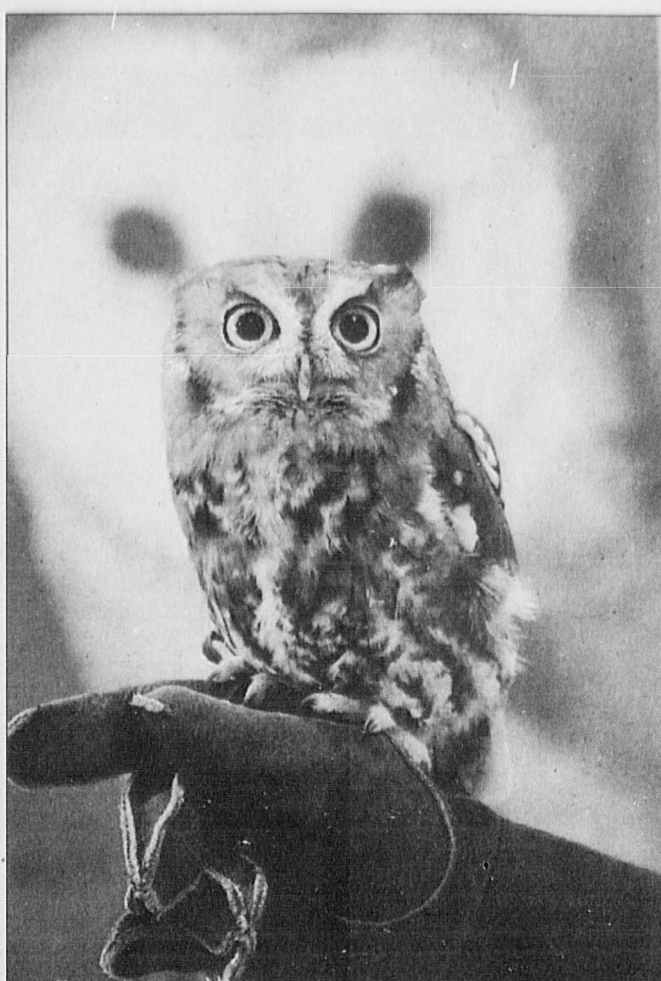
LIBRARY

Owl bet it was fun!

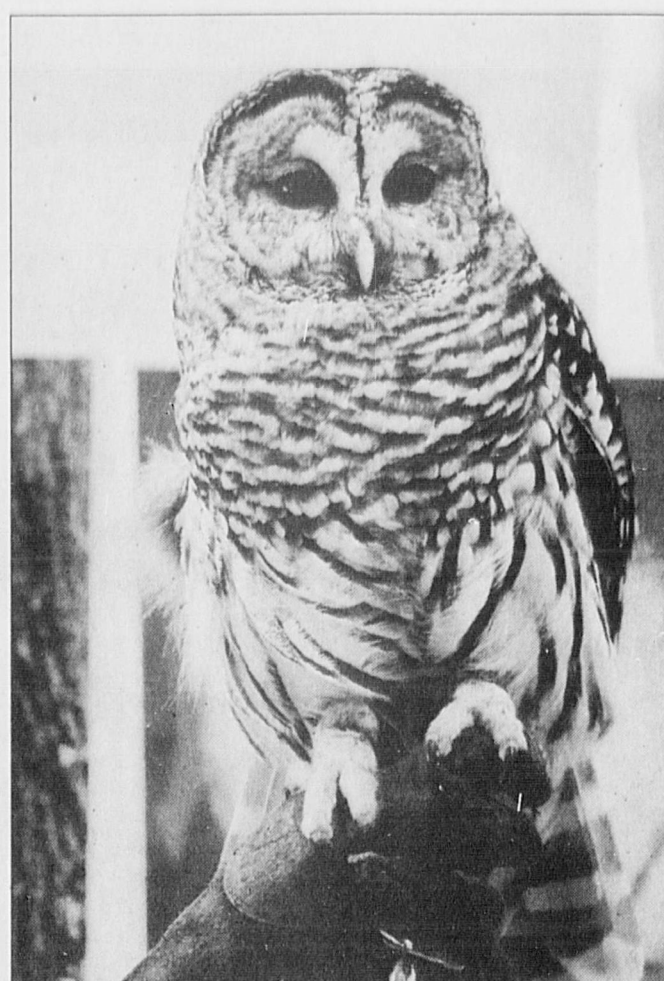
Photos by Lisa Aimola



Mark Wilson explains to the group that having an owl bird house in your yard can attract Eastern Screech Owls like the one from his Eyes on Owls program.



An Eastern Screech Owl is shown during the Eyes on Owls live owl show at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sat., Jan. 30.



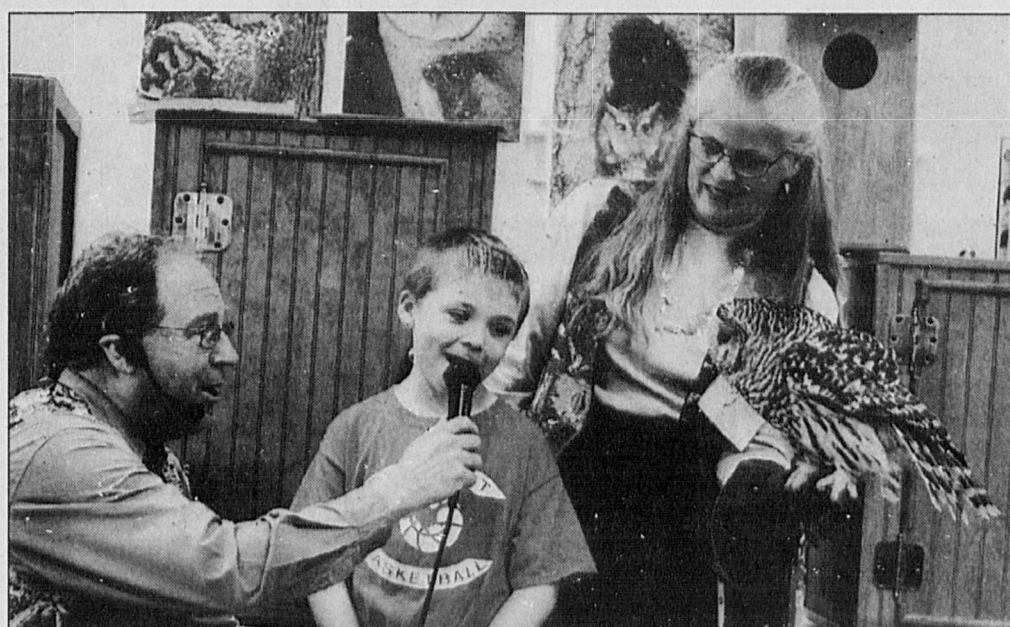
An injured Barred Owl with only 1 wing is shown at the live owl show.



An Eastern Screech Owl held by Marcia Wilson (wearing the matching owl vest) checks out the audience.



A Barn Owl, an endangered species, is shown to the crowd on Saturday.



Beckett Woolley (center), 6 1/2, of Cohasset, learns to make an owl call with a little help from Mark and Marcia Wilson.



Marcia Wilson holds a Great Horned Owl. The owl has 1 eye and was rescued by Marcia and her husband Mark of Eyes on Owls.



A Snowy Owl poses for the camera.

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MONSTER

SCHOOLS

Reading over February vacation

Who: Osgood and Deer Hill Students

What: During winter vacation, the PSO and Paul Pratt Library are hosting two "Read In" days. Students can come to the library with a favorite book or get help finding a new book, read with friends, eat pizza and log minutes. This is a drop off event supervised by parent volunteers. You can

register on the Paul Pratt event keeper for this FREE event.

Where: Paul Pratt Library
When: Tuesday, Feb. 16th from 2:30-4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 18th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Why: Fun place to read and log minutes during February vacation. All proceeds from the Read-a-thon go to the Cohasset Public Schools

Parent Student Organization (PSO) to help fund student enrichment programs and other student centered school supports so don't forget to sponsor your child in this fundraiser.

Contact: Jennifer Askjaer (jenniferkaskjaer@gmail.com) or Kelly Fleming (kellylfleming@gmail.com) with questions or if you are interested in volunteering

LIBRARY CORNER

New museum passes available

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit cohassetlibrary.org.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES:

Cohasset library cardholders now have access to two new passes. Explore the many properties at the Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries, Nature Centers, and Museums or gather the gang and have fun at The Hall at Patriot Place. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has generously donated the pass to the Audubon Sanctuaries. The Friends of the Library is sponsoring the pass to The Hall at Patriot Place. Details of both passes are on our website. Reservations may be made online or by calling the circulation desk.

SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS:

Sue Miller will talk about her book "The Arsonist" at 4 p.m. Feb. 28. A wine and

cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

ARTIST SUSAN AHEARN:

The South Shore Art Center presents an art exhibit by Susan Ahearn at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library through Feb. 29. The show features everyday objects set in still life arrangements, along with a few landscapes done in oil. All are welcome. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays.

MOVIES, MUSIC, AND MORE:

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Force Awakens," David Bowie, Glenn Frey and so much more streams to a computer or mobile device. Explore Hoopla's site at hoopladigital.com/home. Contact the reference librarian for more information.

ONLINE TOOLS:

Discover what the Cohasset library card can do by visiting the website cohassetlibrary.org. Learn a new language with Pronunciator, brush up on skills needed in that new job with Lynda.com, or snuggle down with a good book on a rainy or cold day by borrowing ebooks from Overdrive. Call the reference librarian for help accessing these services.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE:

The library is on the road every Tuesday afternoon delivering materials to Cohasset residents of all ages. Call the library at 781-383-1348, and ask for Kristin or Gayle, or send an email to library@cohassetlibrary.org to get started.

LIBRARY KIDS

Storytime with Mrs. Moody

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: cohassetlibrary.org.

Programs

DROP IN CRAFTS: Between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursdays

STORYTIME WITH MRS. MOODY: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 16

PARTNER READING WITH SOPHIE THE THERAPY DOG: 4-5 p.m. Feb. 16

MAMASTEPPH: 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Feb. 22 and 29

LEGO CLUB: 4 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 22

PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND FRIENDS: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23

Special events

BUILD IT! 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17. Join the Children's Museum in the Meeting Room, to explore structures and stability, designs and construction. For ages 4 and older. Attendees will experiment with a range of different materials to solve engineering problems and build some cool structures. Register online at cohassetlibrary.org.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Accept the challenge. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information: 1000books-beforekindergarten.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten-program.

BUSINESS NOTE



Dr. Lisa Lewis of Cohasset Family Chiropractic.
COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset Family Chiropractic anniversary

Dr. Lisa Lewis at Cohasset Family Chiropractic is celebrating five years of service this month.

Lewis saw her first patient at Cohasset Family Chiropractic on Feb. 21, 2011. Since then, she has helped hundreds of people with a variety of health challenges.

Lewis has been practicing chiropractic for 30 years and has a special interest in providing family care; from pregnancy, birth and beyond.

For more information or to learn about the fifth anniversary special, visit: cohassetfamilychiro.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Quilt, textile art show March 5

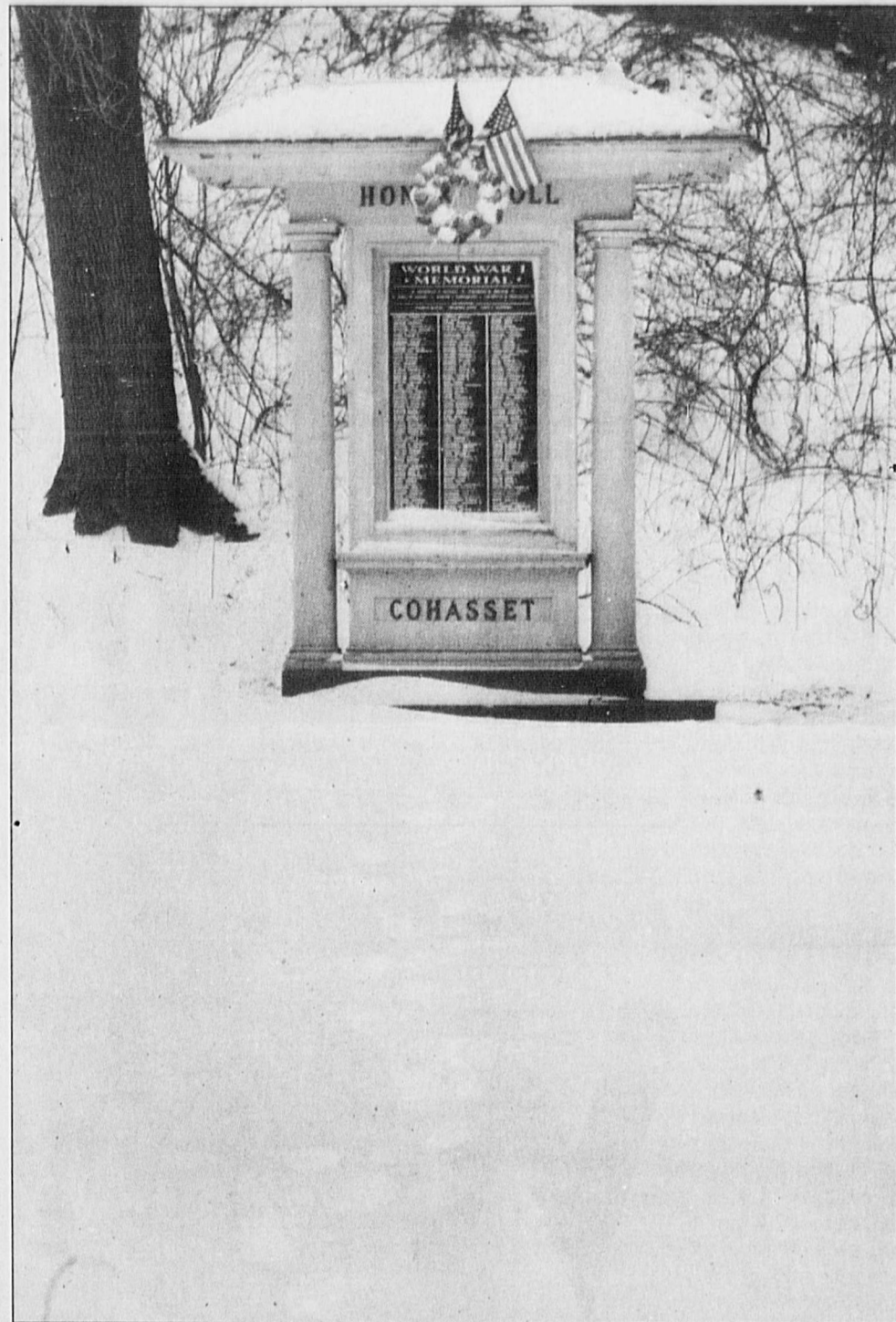
The Second Congregational Church in Cohasset has announced their annual Quilt Show with the expansion into textile art as well, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 5 in Bates Hall of the church, 43 Highland Ave.

Tickets to the show are

\$15 and include an array of desserts served in a formal setting with tea, coffee and beverages as well.

Contact Susi Coley at rscoley@verizon.net to receive an entry form. Entries may show up to three quilts or three pieces of artwork.

Snow cover



Solitary foot prints in the snow lead up the WWI Memorial by the Cohasset Common. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

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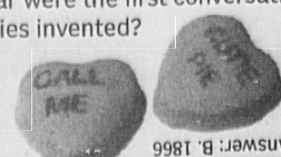


FOOD

FOOD QUIZ

In what year were the first conversation heart candies invented?

- A. 1966
- B. 1866
- C. 1912
- D. 1984



Answer: B. 1866

TIP OF THE WEEK

Show your love on Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day, start a new tradition by creating a basket full of treats and fun activities your whole family will love. From candy to baked goods to activities you can do together, here are a few basket themes to consider to help send a message of love this Valentine's Day.

Scavenger Hunt Basket. Have written clues in a basket full of goodies to start a Valentine's Day scavenger hunt. Hide sweet treats around the house along with little messages of love. Or, hide Hershey's Kisses Conversation Candies featuring sayings such as "XOXO" and "BE MINE" on each foil around the house.

Playing Pretend Basket. Reading is a great way to spend time with your kids. Fill a basket with your favorite books and corresponding props for your little cuties. Read the books together and use the props to re-enact your favorite parts of the story together.

Fun and Games Basket. Create a game night basket the whole family is sure to love. Make things a little more fun by creating your own game or playing an old classic using wrapped candy as playing pieces. You can even play tic-tac-toe or checkers using small wrapped chocolates as the tokens.

— Brandpoint

EASY RECIPE

Fuel Up Smoothie

Serves: 1

- 1 ½ cups TruMoo Calcium Plus low-fat chocolate milk
- ½ cup baby kale
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 tablespoon almond butter

In blender, combine chocolate milk, baby kale, ice cubes and almond butter. Blend until smooth and frothy. Serve.

— Family Features

WORD TO THE WISE

Saffron: Richly flavored and intensely aromatic, these golden-orange threads are the dried stigmas of the saffron crocus. Saffron is harvested by hand, and ounce for ounce it is the most expensive spice in the world.

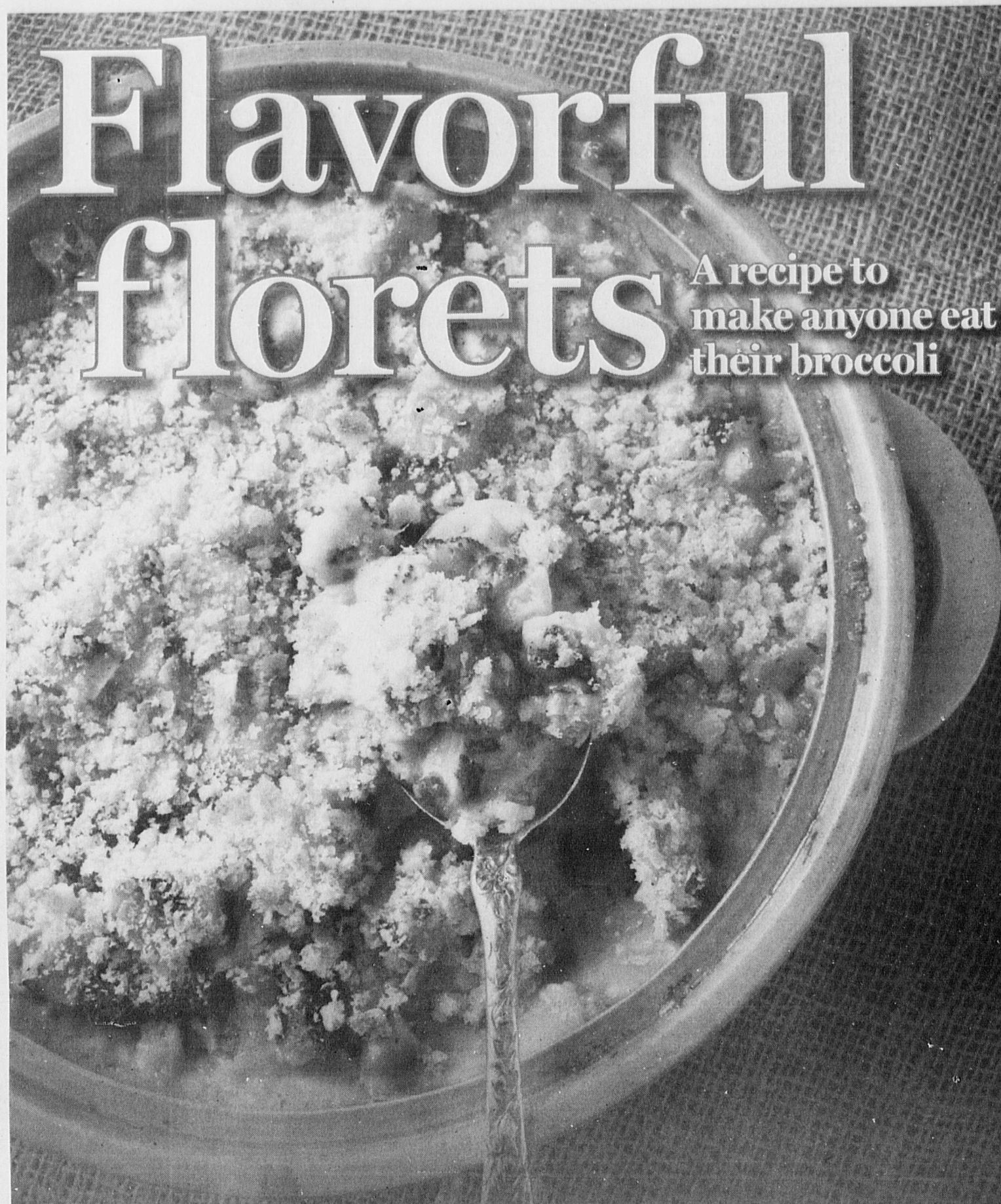
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THE DISH ON...

'Fast Food Maniac: From Arby's to White Castle, One Man's Supersized Obsession with America's Favorite Food'
By Jon Hein — Hein is the ultimate fast-food maniac, a beloved regular on The Howard Stern Show and the former host of "Fast Food Mania" on Discovery TV.

In his book, he offers tips on where to go and what to order at regional and national chains. He explores the cuisine's wacky history and gives out secret menus while ranking everything from burgers and fries to ice and mascots. This book is a definitive, cross-country guide to some of America's best-loved guilty pleasures.

— Three Rivers Press



Flavorful florets

A recipe to make anyone eat their broccoli

By the editors of Relish Magazine

If broccoli were a tree, it would be an oak, guardian of the vegetable forest. Since the days of the Roman Empire, it has served legions of Italians as a dependable and surprisingly versatile element of the culinary landscape.

Why then, stateside, is it so thoroughly misunderstood? Mostly, bad preparation. If there's one way to make a lifelong enemy of broccoli, it's by cooking it into mushy, army-green oblivion — a sight many of us are still trying to erase from our childhood memories. One of the best ways to keep it crisp is a quick steam (3 to 4 minutes) until it's barely fork-tender and a bright, emerald green. Then you're ready for everything from stir-fries to pasta dishes to casseroles.

Still not convinced? Try cheese and broccoli, a great combo that creates some great gateway dishes for finicky children and spouses. Also, try roasting it, which brings out bold, caramelized flavors that can convert nonbelievers into lifelong fans.

A wide, shallow baking or gratin dish for this casserole provides plenty of space for the crumbs on top to get crunchy — another crowd-pleasing texture.

Chicken and Broccoli Casserole

Serves 4

- 6 cups bite-size broccoli florets and stems, peeled and cut into small pieces
- 1 ½ cups (6 ounces) hot cooked boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size chunks
- ¼ cup diced, drained jarred roasted red pepper, patted dry
- 3 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons butter, divided
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups 2 percent reduced-fat milk
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon coarse salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 425F. Coat a 10-inch round shallow baking dish with cooking spray.

Steam or boil broccoli 3 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Arrange in dish and top with chicken and red pepper.

In medium saucepan, melt 3 tablespoons butter. Add flour and cook 1 minute, whisking constantly. Add milk and broth, whisking constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce heat and cook 2 minutes. Stir in nutmeg, salt, pepper and cheese. Pour over chicken.

In a small skillet, melt remaining 2 teaspoons butter; add breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over chicken mixture. Bake 20 minutes, or until hot.

— Recipe by Jean Kressy

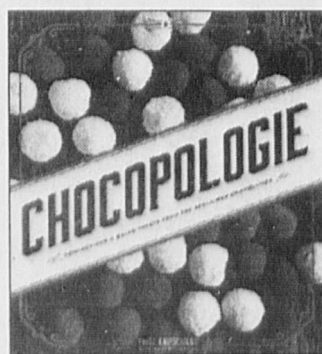
RELISH MAGAZINE

10 commandments for working with chocolate

By Emily Arno
Relish Magazine

Being a chocolatier is a pretty sweet gig — days filled with rolling truffles, drizzling syrups and whipping up ganache. But as with all professions, there are rules for reaching the top of your game. Chief chocolatier Fritz Knipschildt shares his secrets for success in "Chocopologie," a cookbook chock-full of gorgeous recipes from his celebrated chocolate cafe.

Eager to tap the mind of a master, we asked him to share his must-know commandments for working with the divine



ingredient.

1. **Only select great chocolate.** Only use chocolate you like the taste of. Good chocolate will appeal to all of your senses, and if the brand you are eating and cooking doesn't excite your taste, smell, touch, sight and hearing, switch brands. When deciding on

what chocolate to choose, taste and smell are important. The chocolate should feel firm and supple, look glossy and smooth, and break with a pleasing "snap."

2. **Never neglect ganache.** Ganache is the magical amalgamation of chocolate and cream. It is both the chocolatier's workhorse and fairy godmother. When heated, it's a sauce or a glaze; when cooled it's a truffle or a frosting.

3. **Always reinvent your cookies.** Change up chocolate chip cookies with white or milk chocolate chunks or chips. Oh, and most cookies are better

if you drizzle them with melted chocolate.

4. **Don't turn your nose up at the microwave.** I almost always melt chocolate in the microwave. It's ready when the liquid pool appears soft and shiny.

5. **Store your chocolate wisely, in a cool, dark place.** Make sure it's well wrapped. The refrigerator is not the best place to store chocolate because of the humidity.

6. **More is best.** Never hesitate to cut brownies into larger squares than the recipe indicates.

7. **Stay away from hot cocoa mix.** When a recipe calls for cocoa powder, remember it

means unsweetened cocoa powder (not cocoa mix!).

8. **When you make truffles, wear latex gloves.** They'll keep the ganache from sticking to your warm palms.

9. **Adhere to the Golden Rules of Ganache.** Rule 1: When you make ganache, always pour the hot cream over chopped chocolate. Never melt the chocolate first. Rule 2: Don't refrigerate hot or even warm ganache or the fat will separate. Let it cool to room temperature first.

10. **Don't substitute milk chocolate for dark chocolate.** The milk solids in milk chocolate are heat sensitive.

COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire log. The log is public record and available for review.

Monday, Feb. 1

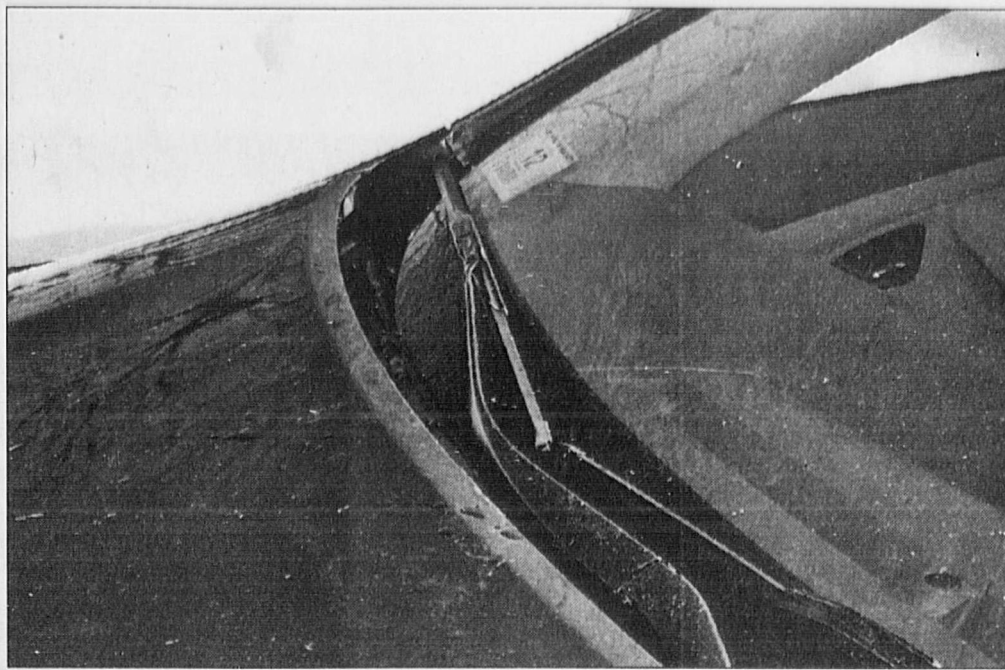
7:43 a.m.: HQ reports set of keys found in **Town Hall** parking lot; returned to owner.
9:55 a.m.: Officer out of traffic patrol on **Hull Street**.
10:54 a.m.: Parking enforcement on **N. Main Street** by the common, parking ticket issued.
1:03 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported at Shaw's Plaza by But-tonwood Books on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. A grey station waggon has been in the parking lot for about three weeks and hasn't moved. Officers report no issue with the vehicle.
1:20 p.m.: Woman locked out of her Santa Fe at Bank of America of **CJC Hwy**. She is diabetic; her food and supplies are inside the car. Express towing notified.
1:55 p.m.: A burglary alarm was reported on **Atlantic Avenue**. A living room motion alarm was triggered. The area was checked and secured.
3:01 p.m.: Disabled MBTA Bus on the side of the road on **CJC Hwy**.
7:38 p.m.: Erratic operation was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Scituate Police Department reported the driver on 3A heading northbound toward Cohasset. Operator checks out.
10:15 p.m.: An animal complaint was reported on **Cedar Street**. Caller reported a squirrel stuck in the walls of his house. Owner advised to contact exterminator.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

1:18 a.m.: A burglary alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. A motion detector in the kitchen was triggered. The area was checked and secured.
11:37 a.m.: Woman in lobby report her wallet was stolen at **Shaw's** yesterday.
11:41 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported on **Cedar Street**. Caller reports that a squirrel is stuck in the small space in her closet. Advised to contact exterminating company.
12:42 p.m.: Scituate woman in lobby reports she was on her way to her mother's residence in Cohasset; mother who is elderly said she would start walking to meet her and now she is unable to locate her mother. Daughter back with mother, found her on Gannett Road in Scituate.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

6:27 a.m.: A fire alarm was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. Caller reported all her fire alarms going off. No smoke or flames were seen. Alarms were set off by debris in the detectors.
6:54 a.m.: Officer on traffic post on **Red Gate Lane**.
8:56 a.m.: An open door was reported by a passerby on **Sohier Street**. Property is possibly vacant. The area was checked and secured.
9:51 a.m.: Officer on traffic patrol on **Jerusalem Road**.
10:25 a.m.: Motor vehicle stop on **CJC Hwy**. by Cohasset Imports. Express towing requested for flat tire, owner's request. Citation issued.
10:40 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported on **Oak Street**. Caller reports a gold retriever puppy in her yard, and she has brought it



WEEKLY TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP: After two winter storms in less than a week, your windshield wipers have worked extra hard. Over time, built up ice and packed snow can cause the rubber blades to tear and brake off. With torn wipers, you risk not being able to clearly as your drive. Take a minute during the daylight to look at the condition of your wiper and replace one or both of them if needed. COURTESY PHOTO

inside.
10:56 a.m.: Silver vehicle with a flat tire and red tank with gauges in back seat parked at Senior Center on **Sohier St.** for a week or so. Message left with MV owner.
12:36 p.m.: Fiori's Gulf owner in station seeking no trespass order to be faxed to Scituate for service. Scituate reports served in hand.
12:54 p.m.: Caller reports MV parked too close to her in **Stop & Shop** parking lot. While on phone, owner of other vehicle came out to move the car.
5:56 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **North Main Street**. Caller reported a tree falling on her vehicle and shattering her windshield. No injuries were reported but daughter was frightened.
6:14 p.m.: A burglary alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Services were rendered.
7:31 p.m.: Mutual aid for a motor vehicle accident was on **Country Way** in Scituate.

Thursday, Feb. 4

6:45 a.m.: Officer on traffic patrol on **Forest Avenue**.
8:02 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported at **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street**. Caller reported a dead deer on the side of the road.
8:02 a.m.: Construction trucks making it difficult to get down road on **Short Street**.
9:31 a.m.: Wire down across the road on **Cedar Street**. Main phone line. Verizon crew on scene.
10:05 a.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on at Hingham Lumber on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Operator was in lot, vomiting. He had the flu.
1:26 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Spindrift Lane**. Caller reported a maroon Chevy pick-up truck parked in the cul de sac. The truck had no plates and the caller stated that he was sitting there, watching her park her car. Truck was gone upon officer arrival.
4:34 p.m.: Attempted to serve summons regarding animal complaint to **Highland Court** residence; no one answered the door.
6:30 p.m.: A fire was reported on **Hemlock Way**. A caller reported smelling smoke. Homeowner has been advised that flooring material is causing the smell. They have been advised to call the fire department if smell returns.
9:11 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Sprinkler flow room was invested, however, nothing was found.

Alarm company notified property owner. The area was secured.

Friday, Feb. 5

6:57 a.m.: Officer on traffic patrol on **N. Main Street and Red Gate Lane**.
9 a.m.: A traffic hazard was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway by John's Car Care**. Caller reported a manhole cover with no lid on the northbound side of Route 3A.
11:53 a.m.: Officer on parking enforcement on **Depot Court**. Ticket issued.
12:05 p.m.: Caller reports low hanging wire just by entrance to **Wheelwright Park on N. Main Street**. Phone line to be verified by Verizon.
2:11 p.m.: Branch down on **CJC Hwy**, blocking one lane of traffic between Shaw's and Sop & Shop. Mass Highway notified.
2:43 p.m.: Wire on the ground on **Hull Street**.
2:57 p.m.: Caller reports her vehicle got stuck in snow and will be parked in back lot of **library** until it can be removed.
3:39 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Church Street**. Single vehicle hit a mailbox.
3:52 p.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. Caller reported a white Chevy utility van parked in front of her house for about 20 minutes. Vehicle was gone upon officer arrival.
4:06 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Grove Street**. A vehicle was struck by a tree. Tree was removed by a plow.
4:13 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Reservoir Road**. Services were rendered.
4:30 p.m.: Caller reports tree blocking road on **Joy Place**.
4:43 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Reservoir Road**.
5:43 p.m.: Tree down across **Beechwood St. & Bound Brook Road**, blocking traffic. No wires involved.
6:04 p.m.: A power outage was reported on **Aaron River Road**.
6:12 p.m.: A power outage was reported on **Doane Street**. Multiple branches were reported on power wires.
6:34 p.m.: VNA requests well being check of elderly woman at her house on **Jerusalem Road**.
6:49 p.m.: Elm Street caller reports her light gave her a shock and she is scared. Blown light bulb.
6:52 p.m.: Tree down across roadway on **M. Main** by back entrance to MBTA station. National Grid line crew has cut power; awaiting tree

company.

Saturday, Feb. 6

7:04 a.m.: Just south of **Stop & Shop**, large branch on the guardrail. State DPW notified.
8:23 a.m.: Parking complaint at Cohasset Historical Society, **S. Main St.**, two cars parked in lot that don't belong. Having a function and want them moved.
10:13 a.m.: Large tree limb in the roadway at **Beechwood and Doane streets**.
10:55 a.m.: An animal complaint was reported on **Ripley Road**. Caller reported located a goldendoodle in the parking lot. Dog has a tag with owner information and address, however, there was no answer. Caller will attempt to bring dog home. If unable, she will bring the dog to Scituate Animal Shelter. Dog has been returned to owner.
11:45 a.m.: Cars parked on both sides of **N. Main** by the common, making it difficult for emergency vehicles to pass. Special service at church; cars will be moving shortly.
12:13 p.m.: Past roadwork patch broken up on **Brook Street**, 8-10 inches in depth; cones will be placed.
12:35 p.m.: Caller reports her car broke down in the middle of **Sohier Street**. Officer was able to move vehicle to side of road and owner will be contacting for tow.
1:15 p.m.: Larceny was reported at **Shaw's Plaza**, Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reports someone stole her purse out of her unlocked car.
5:17 p.m.: A caller reported the door to a gallery being open on **Depot Court**. Caller states she has gone inside and tried to reach owner. Owner arrived on scene. The area was checked and secured.

Sunday, Feb. 7

3:07 a.m.: A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **King Street** by Crazy Paws. Owner of vehicle on scene, checking on animals.
6:53 p.m.: A noise complaint was reported on **Avalon Drive**. Caller states loud noise, pounding, falling noise, coming through his ceiling. Units discovered children playing.
8:06 p.m.: A noise complaint was reported on **Avalon Drive**. This is an ongoing issue. Caller states kids are banging and pounding again. Caller was told to speak with management. Kids playing was not malicious.
8:28 p.m.: Caller reported hearing fireworks in the area of **Forest Ave**. She was unsure what direction they came from. Officers reported Hull having a fireworks display.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION
 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
 Project File No. 607345

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project in Cohasset, MA.

WHERE: Wilcutt Commons Cohasset Senior Center, 90 Sohier Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

WHEN: Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet Replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing Atlantic Avenue Bridge over Little Harbor Inlet in its present location with improvements to the approach roadway. The roadway will be closed during construction and traffic detoured. Shared use accommodations consisting of a wide travel lane with shared lane markings have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Cohasset is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 607345. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

THOMAS J. TINLIN
 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E.
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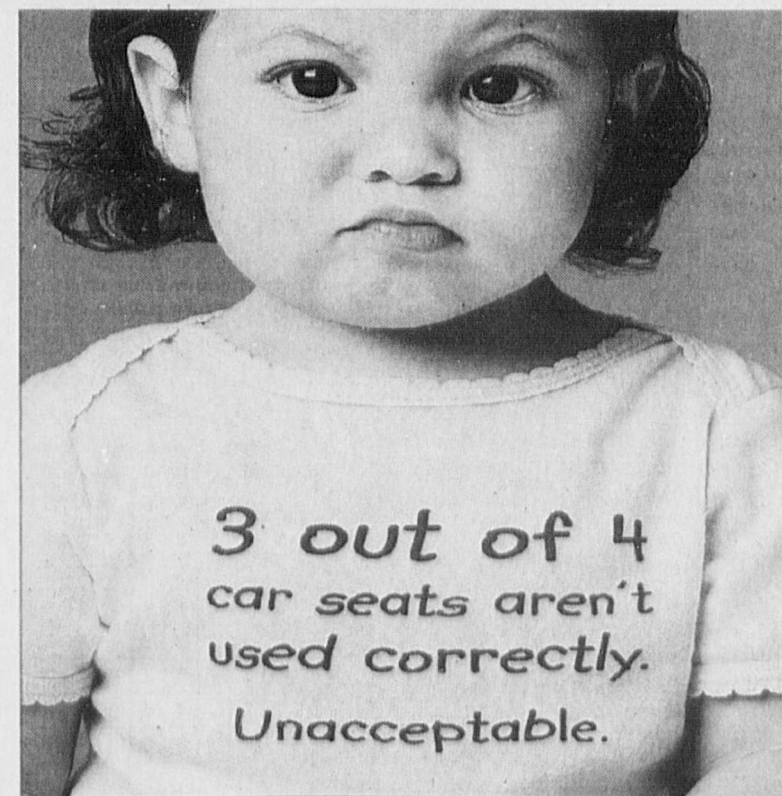
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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), in partnership with inMotion Wireless, is constructing wayside poles and associated infrastructure which will be used for the deployment of a Positive Train Control (PTC) system within the MBTA commuter line railroad right-of-way between Boston and Greenbush, Massachusetts. The non-excluded proposed installations within this newspaper's circulation include an approximately 74-foot tall new facility, including a 65-foot concrete monopole with antennas mounted at various heights and on the top, located at each of the following locations: Ingram Park Trail (at N 4 2 . 2 2 5 6 8 2 , W70.794182), 79 Spring St., 14 Parking Way, and 285A N. Main St., Cohasset, Norfolk County, MA 02025. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facilities may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6115006732-SLG c/o EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at 207-210-2535.

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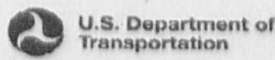
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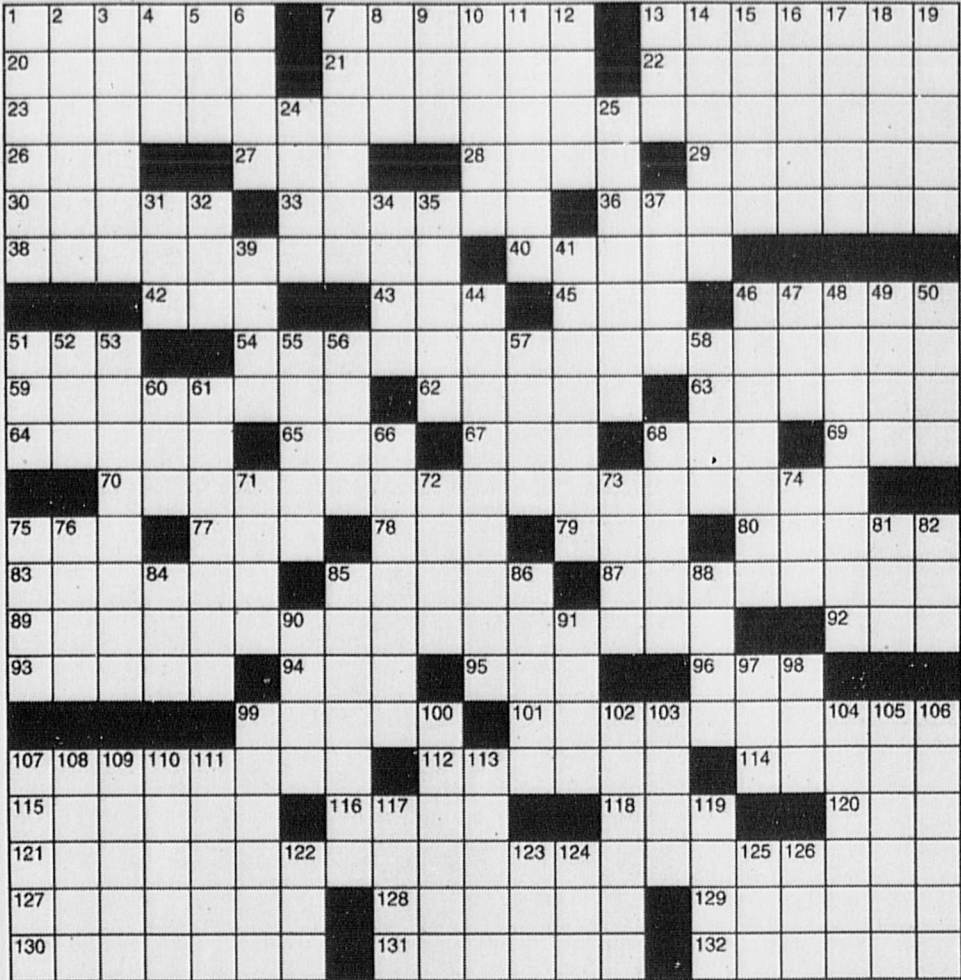


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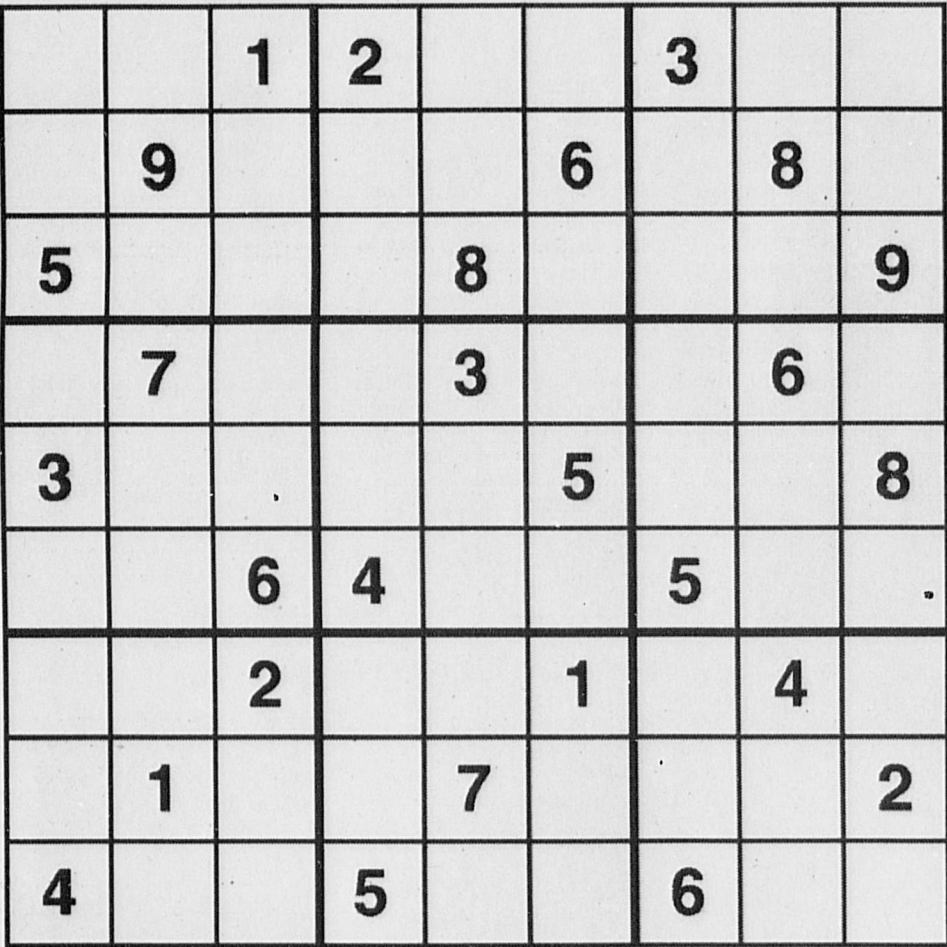
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "—, peel me a grape" (Mae West line)
 - 7 "— Adventures in Wonderland"
 - 13 Mobile locale
 - 20 Pacific weather phenomenon
 - 21 Sullen
 - 22 Neighbor of Ukraine
 - 23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals?
 - 26 Part of A/C
 - 27 "World Cafe" broadcaster
 - 28 "Mama" of pop music
 - 29 Spiritualists' event
 - 30 Seize illegally
 - 33 Coarse
 - 36 African mongooses
 - 38 One dealing in red meat for a living?
 - 40 Selling points
 - 42 June hrs.
 - 43 Bit of intimate apparel
 - 45 Suffix with prop-
 - 46 Number of Stooges
 - 51 Audio system part
 - 54 Lovable male turkeys?
 - 59 Jews living outside Israel
 - 62 Conveys
 - 63 Alternative to Red Roof
 - 64 En — (as a whole)
 - 65 Bit of formal apparel
 - 67 Zee lead-in
 - 68 AT&T rival, once
 - 69 Hi-speed connection
 - 70 Actor Depp being mushy?
 - 75 Hit in a ring
 - 77 "Really? — who?!"
 - 78 King, in Toulon
 - 79 Barfly, say
 - 80 Charles for whom a chair is named
 - 83 One of golf's majors
 - 85 Request in blackjack
 - 87 More tempestuous
 - 89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee?
 - 92 Strike marks, in bowling
 - 93 Little squirts
 - 94 Trains to Wrigley Field
 - 95 Scand. land
 - 96 Mini-devil
 - 99 Perón of Argentina
 - 101 Press chinos and corduroys?
 - 107 Classical pieces
 - 112 Inborn
 - 114 Bea Arthur title role
 - 115 Believer in God
 - 116 Onetime teen idol
 - 118 Onetime flight inits.
 - 120 They cross aves.
 - 121 Use glue to mend pants?
 - 127 Immunity trigger
 - 128 Swooning fan, e.g.
 - 129 Laud
 - 130 Mosaic piece
 - 131 Throws
 - 132 Sacred places
- DOWN**
- 1 Smear
 - 2 Plaza Hotel heroine
 - 3 Erroneous
 - 4 Set aflame
 - 5 "Is there — hope?"
 - 6 It's honked
 - 7 Acela runner
 - 8 Building site
 - 9 Cholera
 - 10 Spiral shell
 - 11 English class assignments
 - 12 Min. parts
 - 13 — Dhabhi
 - 14 Zooms, e.g.
 - 15 Tree of the birch family
 - 16 Israel's Ehud
 - 17 Boxing venue
 - 18 Punish by fine
 - 19 Burros
 - 24 Intl. oil group
 - 25 Singers
 - 31 "Mayberry —" (old sitcom)
 - 32 Nighty-night garb
 - 34 Union foes
 - 35 Neophytes
 - 37 Saber's kin
 - 39 "High Noon" actor Kruger
 - 41 — "Messiah" (oratorio)
 - 44 Twice or thrice
 - 46 Gym hiree
 - 47 "Let me see..."
 - 48 Having pre-blended ingredients
 - 49 Finales
 - 50 Series finale? Abbr.
 - 51 Nav. rank
 - 52 Hamm on a soccer field
 - 53 Deposits are recorded in it
 - 55 David of the Red Sox
 - 56 Really injure
 - 57 "Book of Days" singer
 - 58 Brow shape
 - 60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 61 Multipiece office gifts
 - 66 Most weird
 - 68 Maxim
 - 71 Certain till fill
 - 72 Tube addict's punishment
 - 73 Kid around
 - 74 '60s war site
 - 75 Barely
 - 76 Pasty-faced
 - 81 Wide shoe width
 - 82 Yearbook div.
 - 84 Kin of ante-
 - 85 Spiral
 - 86 Moses or Meese
 - 88 Of ears
 - 90 — Strauss
 - 91 Immunizing fluids
 - 97 May VIP
 - 98 Sch. group
 - 99 Sitcom actress
 - 100 Alternative to judo
 - 102 River critters
 - 103 Current events
 - 104 Like the Kazakh language
 - 105 Most weird
 - 106 Telley rival
 - 107 Hitler's turn to hit
 - 108 French river
 - 109 Fair shelters
 - 110 Calif-length skirts
 - 111 Gas bill info
 - 113 Small iPods
 - 117 No-clutter
 - 119 Tablet extras
 - 122 Leaving — "Jet Plane"
 - 123 Surg. centers
 - 124 Born, to Fifi
 - 125 "... cup — cone?"
 - 126 Eighty-six

Sudoku



Level: Challenging

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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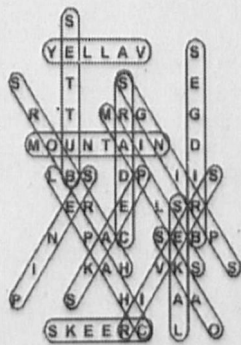
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The week-end offers news both unexpected and anticipated.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts — which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start up a new career-linked direction soon could begin to show signs of progress.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a

love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite

right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.
BORN THIS WEEK: Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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SOLUTIONS



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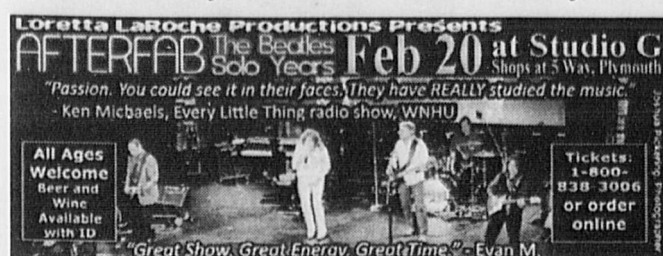
HOW TO SUBMIT

Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to salendar@wickedlocal.com or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

AfterFab celebrates Beatles' solo years

WHEN: 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20
WHAT: AfterFab concert at Studio G in Plymouth
INFO: Loretta LaRoche Productions presents AfterFab concert, Beatles Solo Years, at Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way, Plymouth. Hosted by WZLX's

Breakfast with the Beatles host, Cha Chi Loprete. The music of John, Paul, George and Ringo, after they were the Beatles.
For information: www.lorettalarocheproductions.com/event/530/afterfab-beatles-solo-years.



Authors set to visit Duxbury Free Library

WHEN: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
WHAT: Authors to visit the Duxbury Free Library
INFO: Hank Phillippi Ryan (pictured) and Hallie Ephron will visit the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, to discuss their newest books.
For information: Duxbury Free Library, 781-934-2721, ext. 108, or Westwinds Bookshop, 781-934-2128.



Company presents 'The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told'

WHEN: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18
WHAT: "The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told" at Company Theatre in Norwell
INFO: "The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told," an off-Broadway musical with the audience at the helm, at The Company Theatre Center for Performing Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets



are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students.
For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Friday, Feb. 12

MIKE GARVEY BAND: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

"CUPID'S REVENGE": performed by Hat Trick Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 and 13 in Kendall Hall at First Parish Church, 19 Town Square, Plymouth. Join in for an evening of mystery and mayhem as you help find clues, discover the motive, expose the murderer and solve the crime. Tickets \$20. For information: 774-454-3575 or 508-747-6856, hattriq98@aol.com.

Saturday, Feb. 13

SOUTH SHORE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING: 1:30 p.m., John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. The program will be a pre-recorded Webinar presentation titled "Using Evernote for Genealogy." The public is invited to the meeting and presentation at no cost. For information: 781-826-2972.

ADULT COLORING EVENT: 2-3:30 p.m., Ventress Library will hold an adult coloring event, in the program room of the library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The library will provide the supplies including coloring pages and colored pencils as well as serve light refreshments. If you already possess an adult coloring book, feel free to take it along. Call the library to sign up or go to the library's website under "Calendar of Events" to register online. This event is for adults only. Contact Rachel Breen at the library's reference desk if you have any questions about the event. For information: 781-834-5535, rbreen@ocln.org.

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SOUTH SHORE DANCERS EVENT: 7:30-11 p.m., Cushing Memorial Hall, 673 Main St., Norwell. Music by DJ. Couples, singles, newcomers welcome. Hearts Afire theme (Dress suggestion: date night informal,

Valentine's Day). Free 7:30 waltz lesson, continuous dancing 8-11 p.m. Free Ballroom Basics lesson at 7 p.m. for brand-new ballroom dancers. Coffee, tea and light snacks provided. Tickets \$12pp. Advance reservations recommended. For information: 781-659-4703, tickets@southshoredancers.org, southshoredancers.org.

SOLAS, AN IRISH-AMERICAN ROOTS BAND: 8 p.m., River Club Music Hall, 78 Border St., Scituate. Tickets \$35. For information: www.riverclubmusicall.com.

UP THE DOWNS: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, Feb. 14

AUTHORS HALLIE EPHRON AND HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN: 2 p.m., at the Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury, to discuss their newest books. Visitors will be treated to Valentine's Day chocolates. Free tickets for the event are available at the library or the bookshop. For information, Duxbury Free Library, 781-934-2721, ext. 108, or Westwinds Bookshop, 781-934-2128.

"LOVE SONGS" CONCERT: 4 p.m., performed by South Shore Conservatory voice faculty members, 4 p.m. at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Following the performance, the audience is invited to stay, enjoy a special free Valentine's Day reception, and visit with the musicians to learn more about them. For information: sscmusic.org.

Monday, Feb. 15

SEMAP FARMER AND CHEF NETWORKING SERIES: 3 p.m., join SEMAP, WhatsGood, and the Trustees of Reservations for a free networking event. Weir River Farm, 227 East St., Hingham. Farmers and chefs can meet, gather, and learn new ways to sell and purchase local goods, including using mobile technology. For information: SEMAPonline.org/events.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

FEBRUARY VACATION FUN AT HOLLY HILL FARM: 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 16-18, Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For ages 5-10. Each day participants will explore a different aspect of the organic farm. Attend one or two or all three days.

\$45/day or \$135/all three days for members. \$50/day or \$150/all three days nonmembers. Preregistration required. In the event of under enrollment or severe winter weather, Holly Hill Farm reserves the right to cancel with full refund. For information: 781-383-6565, friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

AUDUBON FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK ADVENTURES: 3 p.m. Feb. 16-19, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Winter beachcombing, searching for animal tracks in the snow, crafts, games, and fireside s'mores are just some of the activities that will keep your kids energized, entertained and educated about how plants and animals weather the cold. These are drop-off programs for kids ages 6-11, grades 1-5. \$65/\$55 member child per day. Pre-registration is required. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION WEEK LEGO CLUB - PIRATE CHESS: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 16-19, Hull Lifesaving Museum, 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Participants will build their own Lego Pirate Chess and Lego Shipwreck Defense sets, which they will take home at the end of the week. Kids will learn to play chess, and have lots of fun playing pirate on the museum's play ship. Children should take a peanut-free lunch. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. \$140 members; \$150 nonmembers. For information: 781-925-5433 or victoria@hulllifesavingmuseum.org, www.lifesavingmuseum.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

WATER WATCH SERIES: 7 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free lecture series presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association. Today: Disaster Response in Haiti: Resilient Communities and Aquaculture, by Chris Sherman, Island Creek Oysters. For information: www.nsrwa.org.

Thursday, Feb. 18

CLAY WORKSHOP: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. Carolyn Daly Shedd, instructor, "Kids Try It" workshop. Cost is \$35. For information: 781-934-6634, sally@artcomplex.org, www.artcomplex.org.

"THE GREATEST PIRATE STORY NEVER TOLD": 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., off-Broadway musical with the audience at the helm, The Company Theatre Center for Performing Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. For information, 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

REFUGEES' STORIES: 7 p.m., Torli Krua, who spoke at the Hingham Public Library in November about his work with refugees and his personal story of being a refugee from the Liberian civil war, returns to the library with a group of former Boston residents and former refugees from Liberia and Sierra Leone. They will share their stories and provide a dose of perspective on the now global refugee crisis. The library is located at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

GLASTONBURY ABBEY'S LECTURE SERIES, LISTENING TO OTHER VOICES: 7:15 p.m., at 16 Hull St., Hingham. Mark Burrows, M.Div., Ph.D., theologian, historian and poet, will present the fourth lecture in the Mysticism: Encountering the Divine series, "The Search for Radiance: A Primer on Mysticism for Ordinary Folk." He will guide participants in the search for this everyday mysticism through poetry and literature. Lectures are free and all are welcome. No registration required; however, seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. Donations gratefully received. For information: 781-749-2155, ext. 331.

ROBERT MORBIOLI TO PERFORM ON GUITAR AND VOCALS: with Willie J. Laws Band to start, 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, Feb. 19

GROOVE DOCTORS TO PERFORM: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

COMEDY NIGHT: 9 a.m. at Emerald Hall, 30 Central St., Abington. Comics include Christine Hurley, Scotty Lombardo, Annette and Todd Clay. Host is Dana Jay Bein. Tickets are \$20. For information: 781-843-4833.

Saturday, Feb. 20

OWLS AND OMELETS: 5:45-8 a.m., presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries, at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Seek out resident eastern screech and great horned owls, explore some owl adaptations. After this early morning walk, head to the caretakers' cottage where

Matt and Ellen will have a full breakfast ready, frittata, scrambled eggs, homemade breads and jams, sausage, coffee, teas, and juice. Pre-registration is required. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore.

SNOWY OWL PROWL: 10 a.m. to noon, presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries, at Duxbury Beach. Look for and learn about snowy owls. Additional seasonal sights may include snow buntings and wintering waterfowl. Meet at Duxbury Beach, on the ocean side of the Powder Point Bridge. Participants will explore together in Mass Audubon vans. \$18/\$15 member adult. Pre-registration is required. For information: 781-837-9400, www.massaudubon.org/southshore.

KASHMIR: The Live Led Zeppelin Tribute in concert, 8 p.m., The Company Theatre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Part of The Company Theatre's 2016 Special Events series. Kashmir's show features Jimmy Page's iconic double-neck guitar, John Bonham's drum solo, the stage show of the era, and most importantly, the greatest hits that make up the soundtrack to peoples' lives. Tickets are \$29. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

AFTERFAB CONCERT: The Beatles Solo Years, 8 p.m., Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way, Plymouth. Hosted by WZLX's Breakfast with the Beatles host, Cha Chi Loprete. The music of John, Paul, George and Ringo, after they were the Beatles. For information: www.lorettalarocheproductions.com/event/530/afterfab-beatles-solo-years.

DANNY GALLAGHER BAND: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

RANDOM CHANTS CONCERT: 8 p.m., at Sanctuary Hall, in East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., East Weymouth. Opener will be Peter Adams. Random Chants is an all-female cappella group based on the South Shore with a repertoire ranging from folk to pop, from country to rock, from the '70s to now. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for pay-what-you-can coffee and dessert. Music will start at 8. Tickets are \$10 general admission. For information: 781-974-3503, www.musicatsanctuaryhall.org.

Sunday, Feb. 21

SIZZLING SYMPHONIC FAVORITES BY THE BROCKTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 3 p.m., Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton. Tickets: \$20; \$15 seniors/students. Free for 18 and under. For information: 508-588-3841, www.brocktonsymphony.org.

Monday, Feb. 22

SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER OF GREATER BOSTON PFLAG: 7:30 p.m., monthly support group meeting for parents and friends of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning) people, at First Parish Church Duxbury, 842 Tremont St., next to the Duxbury Town Hall. For information: duxburypflag@gmail.com, gbpflag.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

ALES AND TALES: a new Ventress Memorial Library social book group for readers in and around the Marshfield area, geared toward readers in their 20s and 30s, and book lovers in general. Will meet outside of the library to discuss the book of the month over drinks at the local pub, Casկ 'n Flagon, 804 Plain St., Marshfield, at 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of the month. First meeting tonight. Book discussion on "Tell the Wolves I'm Home" by Carol Rifka Brunt. Pick up your copy today. Patrons are responsible for the purchase of their own drinks and food. Call Rachel at the library to obtain a copy of the book and learn more about the group. The number at the Ventress Memorial Library is 781-834-5535 or email Rachel at rbreen@ocln.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

PANEL DISCUSSION, "MARKET VOLATILITY - HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOUR NEST EGG?": 6-7:30 p.m. John Curtis Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. The free presentation will include seasoned, regional financial experts Betsy Vallone of Essential Asset Management based in Norwell, Bob Leonard of Rodman CPAs located in Waltham and Attorney James Tierney, law offices situated in Duxbury. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, call 781-569-4914 or email betsy.vallone@essential-am.net. For information: 781-569-4914, www.essentialassetmanagement.net.

VENTRESS LIBRARY CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS: "George Washington's Home - Mt. Vernon, A Labor of Love," 7-8:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Free; no tickets required. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

WATER WATCH SERIES: 7 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free lecture series presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association. "The Most Endangered Species in Massachusetts That You've Never Heard About: Spadefoot Toads," by Ian Ives, director of Mass Audubon's Long Pasture, Ashumet and Skunknet River Wildlife Sanctuaries. For information: www.nsrwa.org.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:

REGISTER: Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.

ADD AN EVENT: Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily,

weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

■ The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.
■ Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.
■ Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.
■ Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.

IMAGES: Make sure to include an image with your event. Events with images command three times the attention than those without. EvieSays uses a simple image uploader with options to drag and drop or browse, so adding images to your event is easy.

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